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SC refuses NIA plea against Navlakha's house arrest

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused National Investigation Agency's (NIA) plea to recall its November 10 order to shift activist Gautam Navlakha from Taloja Jail to house arrest in Navi Mumbai, asking if "the might of the state cannot keep an eye on an ailing, 70-year-old man".

Appearing before a Bench of Justices K.M. Joseph and Hrishikesh Roy, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta and Additional Solicitor General S.V. Raju jointly urged that Mr. Navlakha, charged under the UAPA in the Bhima Koregaon case, had "misled" the court to understand the house arrest premises was a residential property with a library occupying the ground floor.

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Some countries support terror as a policy: Modi

PM asks international organisations to address the problem of extremism, stating that proxy wars are also dangerous and violent; China and Pakistan were absent at conference on terror financing

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Certain countries support terrorism as part of their foreign policy, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at an international conference on terror financing on Friday, noting that "state support" is one of the financial sources of terror groups.

In an indirect reference to Pakistan and China, the PM said certain countries offer political, ideological and financial support to terror groups and sometimes, there are indirect arguments made in support of terrorism to block action against terrorists. Pakistan is not participating in the conference; China did not send a delegation.

Joint effort: Narendra Modi and Amit Shah at the third 'No Money for Terror' ministerial conference in New Delhi. AFP

Exhorting international organisations not to think that the absence of war means peace, Mr. Modi also asked countries to jointly address the problem of radicalisation and extremism, adding that anyone who supports radicalisation should have no place in any country. "Proxy wars are also dangerous and violent. There must be a cost imposed upon countries that support terrorism. Organisations and individuals that try to create sympathy for terrorists must also be isolated. There can be no ifs and buts entertained in such matters. The world needs to unite against all kinds of overt and covert backing of terror," Mr. Modi said.

Mr. Modi was speaking at the inaugural session of the third 'No Money for Terror' conference, being attended by around 450 delegates from 72 countries, as well as multilateral bodies such as Interpol.

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'Al Qaeda, IS major challenges'

NEW DELHI
The growing influence of Al Qaeda and IS have emerged as major security challenges after 2021, Home Minister Amit Shah said at an international conference on terror financing, without mentioning the Taliban takeover. » Page 10

Draft digital data protection Bill tabled for public comments

Bill's ambit

The draft Bill narrows the scope of the data protection regime to personal data protection — a move welcomed by the industry

THIS ACT APPLIES TO:	THE ACT EXCLUDES:
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■ Data collected offline, but later digitised	■ Recorded personal data in existence for at least 100 years

Yuthika Bhargava
NEW DELHI

The Centre's significantly shortened and revised draft Bill on personal data protection proposes a hefty increase in penalty amounts up to ₹500 crore, while also easing rules on cross-border data flows, in a big relief for large tech firms. The revised draft– now called The Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022 – comes just over three months after its earlier avatar was withdrawn from Parliament by the Central government.

The new draft Bill, on which stakeholder comments have been invited till December 17, also narrows down the scope of the data protection regime to personal data protection, leaving out non-personal data from its ambit – a move welcomed by the industry.

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Metro Phase III gets govt. nod

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Phase III of the Namma Metro project has got the State government's in-principle approval. The State government has requested the Union government to sanction the proposal for implementing the project. » Page 2

Bababudangiri: Panel appointed

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The State government has appointed an eight-member management committee to manage Sri Guru Dattatreya Bababudan Swami Peetha/Dargah, a syncretic cave-shrine atop Bababudangiri in Chikkamagaluru taluk.

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Conquering hurdles and reaching for the stars

Jyothi Yarraji has fought back from injury to cement her reputation as one of India's brightest athletics prospects. Having rewritten the national record in the 100m hurdles four times this year, the 23-year-old wants to make a mark on the global stage

N. Sudarshan

A little over a year ago, the standard 33-inch hurdle which Jyothi Yarraji had cleared innumerable times suddenly seemed like an impassable barrier. Just after New Year's day in 2020, Jyothi had sailed over 10 of them at the All India Inter-University Athletics Championships in Moodbidri, Karnataka, to clock 13.03s, 0.35s better than Anuradha Biswal's national record from 2002.

Though it was not ratified as the nation's best because there was no one to dope-test competitors, the performance had thrust Jyothi into the limelight as one of the brightest athletics prospects. But eighteen months later, the sparkling promise had seemingly faded out. The pandemic and a combination of injuries — hamstring, groin and left knee (meniscus tear) — meant that a single hurdle started resembling an unscalable mountain.

"I couldn't hurdle at all," Jyothi recollects. "I was too scared. [Prior to that] I couldn't even walk properly for six months. Then I started my comeback. The first two months were just horrible. Flat runs are easier, but hurdling is tough. I was scared every step."

The 23-year-old's transformation from such a state to the athlete she is now — national record holder in 100m hurdles, owner of the four best Indian times in the discipline and the only one from the country to run an official sub-13-second race — has been staggering. This season, she has rewritten the national record four times, including thrice during an astonishing fortnight in May in Europe where she first lowered it to 13.23s (Cyprus), then to 13.11s (Loughborough, England) and then to 13.04s (The Netherlands).

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> **JYOTHI**
> On her comeback after injury

On either side of this stretch of results, she had two performances which were better than the then national best, but were deemed wind-assisted (more than the permissible 2 m/s) and hence not considered. This included her stunning 12.79s at the National Games in Gujarat in early October. There was also the Inter-State Championship in Chennai in June where she tripped on a hurdle and finished last.

But it wasn't long before she proved her mettle again, this time in Bengaluru on a cold and rainy evening at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium, by going under 13s to clock 12.82s. After having settled for the realities of competitive sport earlier and submitted to its many idiosyncrasies, that victory in the last race of the year was a taste of salvation.

"I did three races back to back, at 7.30 p.m., 8.20 p.m. and 9.20 p.m., and that's difficult," Jyothi says. "But my good endurance workouts helped me be consistent across the heats and the final. The conditions were difficult too — windy, rainy and slippery. So there were some questions in my mind. But I just wanted to finish my season faster and on a high, and everything ended well."

It is safe to say that growing up in Visakhapatnam, this wouldn't have been the future she envisaged for herself. Her father was a security guard and mother a hospital worker; making ends meet was a challenge. School didn't hold much appeal. Running was her way out.

Dronacharya awardee N. Ramesh, who first spotted Jyothi aged 16 during the selections for the Sports Authority of India's Hyderabad centre and subsequently trained her for three years, says childhood hardship was instrumental in shaping her.

"She comes from a very poor family in Vizag," says Ramesh. "A girl or a boy from such a background knows what struggle is. That's the main reason. She has very good general intelligence and is a very quick learner. But her fighting spirit is something [else].

"When she came to my centre, she was raw and she didn't know much about hurdling. Seeing her physical attributes — good height (5'9") and long legs – I thought she could do it. As an athlete, when you know of no options, you will do anything. When you are hungry, you will eat anything, you don't have a choice," Ramesh adds.

According to Welshman James Hillier, under whom Jyothi now trains at the Odisha Reliance Foundation High Performance Centre, she is a naturally gifted athlete but also someone who is willing to embrace rigorous training techniques and develop the right attitude.

"She has got really good natural speed, something you need in abundance in women's 100m hurdles," Hillier says. "She has got really good quality tendons, which allows her to use force very efficiently. And the attitude is very good. Even after breaking the national record multiple times, after each race she said she should have done better."

The 100m hurdles is a highly technical discipline and among the most demanding of track and field events. An athlete needs to be free-spirited like a sprinter but temper it during hurdle clearance without losing too much horizontal velocity. Jyothi seems to have married these two aspects pretty well, for at the National Games, she won the 100m dash, beating Dutee Chand and Hima Das, before going on to clinch the hurdles.

Much depends also on how one deals with – and manipulates – the three constants: distance to the first hurdle (13m), height of the hurdle (33 inches) and the distance between each hurdle (8.5m). For any athlete, regardless of how long or short the natural stride, the standard is to have three strides between two hurdles, each measuring about 1.8m. So where is a race won or lost?

"You have to create that environment [for minute improvements] in training," explains Hillier. You can reduce the distance between hurdles to, say, 8m from 8.5m. Jyothi will then have to be quicker and shorter with her strides. That will help her get a greater velocity and she will get used to clearing the hurdle faster because she is running into them faster.

"There are loads of things you can do and the thing is, she is quite brave and excited when I give something new to do. And she doesn't get upset when she gets something wrong.

"There is also the posture. When Jyothi was first with me, the head was going up and down. It's wasted energy and will slow you down. But in the 12.82s race in Bangalore, the head was almost a straight line. That takes a lot of work in the gym and we work on it every day."

By all counts, 2022 has been a coming-of-age season for Jyothi. Her timing in Bengaluru (12.82s), in fact, places her 43rd in the world and second in Asia for this year. It was also just 0.04s off the 2023 World Athletics Championships cutoff. With the Asian Games set to be held next year, she is a sure-shot medal prospect.

"I want her to be thinking bigger than Asian level," says Hillier. "You target the Worlds, and by default you can be at the highest level in Asia. It's like this – you reach for the stars and get to the moon, you will be really, really happy. That's the mentality I would want her to have and I think she is open to that."

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> **N. RAMESH**
> Dronacharya awardee

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> **JAMES HILLIER**
> Coach

JYOTHI YARRAJI

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	19	6,820	17
2	Rafael Nadal	36	5,820	13
3	Stefanos Tsitsipas	24	5,350	22
4	Casper Ruud	23	5,020	22
5	Daniil Medvedev	26	4,065	20
6	Felix Auger-Aliassime	22	3,995	25
7	Andrey Rublev	25	3,530	22
8	Novak Djokovic	35	3,320	13
9	Taylor Fritz	25	2,955	21
10	Holger Rune	19	2,911	29
11	Hubert Hurkacz	25	2,905	21
12	Alexander Zverev	25	2,700	18
13	Pablo Carreno Busta	31	2,495	24
14	Cameron Norrie	27	2,445	23
15	Jannik Sinner	21	2,410	18

Top Indians ▶

Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 289 ▼ 4 spots

Sasikumar Mukund
Rank 349 ▲ No change

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Iga Swiatek	21	11,085	17
2	Ons Jabeur	28	5,055	18
3	Jessica Pegula	28	4,691	18
4	Caroline Garcia	29	4,375	23
5	Aryna Sabalenka	24	3,925	21
6	Maria Sakkari	27	3,871	22
7	Coco Gauff	18	3,646	19
8	Daria Kasatkina	25	3,435	23
9	Veronika Kudermetova	25	2,795	20
10	Simona Halep	31	2,661	15
11	Madison Keys	27	2,417	20
12	Belinda Bencic	25	2,365	19
13	Paula Badosa	25	2,363	21
14	Danielle Collins	28	2,292	14
15	Beatriz Haddad Maia	26	2,215	25

Top Indians ▶

Karman Thandi
Rank 223 ▲ 2 spots

Ankita Raina
Rank 302 ▼ 1 spot

F1 Drivers' standings

#	Driver	Team	Points	Wins
1	Max Verstappen	Red Bull	429	14
2	Charles Leclerc	Ferrari	290	3
3	Sergio Perez	Red Bull	290	2
4	George Russell	Mercedes	265	1
5	Lewis Hamilton	Mercedes	240	0
6	Carlos Sainz	Ferrari	234	1
7	Lando Norris	McLaren	113	0
8	Esteban Ocon	Alpine	86	0
9	Fernando Alonso	Alpine	81	0
10	Valtteri Bottas	Alfa Romeo	49	0
11	Sebastian Vettel	Aston Martin	36	0
12	Daniel Ricciardo	McLaren	35	0
13	Kevin Magnussen	Haas	25	0
14	Pierre Gasly	AlphaTauri	23	0
15	Lance Stroll	Aston Martin	14	0
16	Mick Schumacher	Haas	12	0
17	Yuki Tsunoda	AlphaTauri	12	0
18	Zhou Guanyu	Alfa Romeo	6	0
19	Alex Albon	Williams	4	0
20	Nicholas Latifi	Williams	2	0
21	Nyck de Vries	Williams	2	0

Max Verstappen

Charles Leclerc

F1 Constructors' standings

Pos	Team	Points	Wins	Podiums
1	Red Bull	719	16	26
2	Ferrari	524	4	19
3	Mercedes	505	1	17
4	Alpine	167	0	0
5	McLaren	148	0	1
6	Alfa Romeo	55	0	0
7	Aston Martin	50	0	0
8	Haas	37	0	0
9	AlphaTauri	35	0	0
10	Williams	8	0	0

Badminton Men's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Viktor Axelsen	120,606	22
2	Lee Zii Jia	87,128	23
3	Loh Kean Yew	82,874	23
4	Chou Tien Chen	81,526	23
5	Jonatan Christie	76,362	22
6	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting	75,649	21
7	Lakshya Sen	75,024	23
8	Anders Antonsen	74,800	16
9	Kunlavut Vitidsarn	69,799	21
10	Kento Momota	68,904	17
11	K. Srikanth	65,561	24
12	H.S. Prannoy	64,330	22
13	Rasmus Genke	61,231	18
14	Kanta Tsuneyama	59,308	16
15	Kodai Naraoka	58,931	15

Top Indians ▶

Lakshya Sen
Rank 7

K. Srikanth
Rank 11

Badminton Women's ranking

#	Player	Points	Events
1	Akane Yamaguchi	112,013	21
2	An Se Young	103,553	22
3	Chen Yu Fei	95,556	17
4	Tai Tzu Ying	95,145	15
5	He Bing Jiao	86,664	20
6	P.V. Sindhu	85,818	21
7	Ratchanok Intanon	79,169	21
8	Wang Zhi Yi	70,438	19
9	Pornpawee Chochuwong	70,265	23
10	Busanan Ongbamrungphan	67,834	28
11	Carolina Marin	66,170	11
12	Han Yue	62,256	19
13	Sayaka Takahashi	60,263	15
14	Nozomi Okuhara	58,540	11
15	Michelle Li	57,670	22

Top Indians ▶

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 6

Saina Nehwal
Rank 33

Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	887	923
2	Marnus Labuschagne	885	936
3	Babar Azam	879	879
4	Steve Smith	848	947
5	Rishabh Pant	801	801
6	Kane Williamson	786	919
7	Usman Khawaja	766	779
8	Dimuth Karunaratne	748	782
9	Rohit Sharma	746	813
10	Jonny Bairstow	719	772

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Pat Cummins	891	914
2	R. Ashwin	842	904
3	Shaheen Afridi	828	836
4	Jasprit Bumrah	828	835
5	James Anderson	825	903
6	Kagiso Rabada	799	902
7	Kyle Jamieson	788	836
8	Kemar Roach	756	780
9	Neil Wagner	747	859
10	Mitchell Starc	739	806

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Babar Azam	890	898
2	Imam-ul-Haq	779	815
3	R. van der Dussen	766	796
4	Quinton de Kock	759	813
5	Jonny Bairstow	732	796
6	David Warner	725	880
7	Virat Kohli	722	911
8	Rohit Sharma	718	885
9	Ross Taylor	701	841
10	Steve Smith	697	752

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Trent Boult	775	775
2	Josh Hazlewood	718	733
3	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	676	712
4	Shaheen Afridi	661	688
5	Mohammad Nabi	657	657
6	Mehedi Hasan	655	725
7	Matt Henry	654	691
8	Mitchell Starc	653	783
9	Rashid Khan	651	806
10	Jasprit Bumrah	642	841

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Suryakumar Yadav	859	869
2	Mohammad Rizwan	836	875
3	Babar Azam	778	896
4	Devon Conway	771	831
5	Aiden Markram	748	796
6	Dawid Malan	719	915
7	Rilee Rossouw	693	693
8	Glenn Phillips	684	703
9	Aaron Finch	680	900
10	Pathum Nissanka	673	698

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Wanindu Hasaranga	704	797
2	Rashid Khan	698	816
3	Adil Rashid	692	746
4	Josh Hazlewood	690	806
5	Sam Curran	688	688
6	Tabraiz Shamsi	681	821
7	Adam Zampa	678	743
8	Mujeeb Ur Rahman	677	745
9	Anrich Nortje	659	695
10	Maheesh Theekshana	655	680

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Activists: Suburban rail projects need Railway Minister's push

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Five months ago, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the suburban rail project and assured Bengalureans that the project will be a reality in 40 months. Cut to the present and rail activists say that the project is yet to get the boost it requires. They are now hoping that Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw's visit to the city will help resolve the issues that are delaying implementation of the 148-km suburban rail network.

After landing at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) on Saturday, the Minister is scheduled to visit the Airport halt station.

The station has been operational since January 2021 but remains underutilised due to poor patronage for the existing train services. When the suburban rail project was sanctioned by the Union government in 2020, the implementing agency – the Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd. (KRIDE) – was directed to implement the 41-km Majestic - Devanahalli line that also links the KIA on priority. However, the agency has decided to implement Baiyappanahalli - Chikkabanavara line in the first phase.

Convener of Citizens for Citizens Rajkumar Dugar said, "There is a need to take a drastic measure to make suburban rail link to the airport a reality. Terminal II is all set to be opened for commercial operations without a mass transit system from the city to the airport, and airport commuting will become a crisis soon. Existing MEMU train services to the airport are seeing poor patronage owing to various issues, including very low punctuality, and the BIAL has not yet succeeded in persuading even a small number of 28,000 people working at the airport to use the train services. There is an urgent need to take up the suburban rail project in the interest of thousands of people travelling to KIA."

Rail activist Sanjeev Dyamannavar said the KRIDE should float tenders for other proposed corridors, including the Majestic - Airport line. "Existing hurdles to implement Baiyappanahalli to Chikkabanavara line have to be cleared. On other hand, projects related to South Western Railway (SWR) such as automatic signalling systems have to be fast-tracked," he added.

On Saturday, the Railway Minister is scheduled to meet with the Chief Minister to discuss the railway projects in the State.

Sources in the SWR said, "Along with railway-related projects, the Minister is likely to review the status of the suburban rail project in the city."

Metro Phase III gets State govt. nod

Two corridors proposed: Kempapura to J.P. Nagar 4th Phase and Hosahalli to Kadabagere; the project cost is estimated at ₹16,328 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Phase III of the Namma Metro project has got the State government's in-principle approval. According to it, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) will construct two new corridors: one is extending the metro line from Kempapura to J.P. Nagar 4th Phase for a distance of 32.15 km with 22 stations. Once this corridor is complete, Bengaluru will have a circular metro on the Outer Ring Road. Another corridor under Phase III is proposed from Hosahalli to Kadabagere along Magadi Road for a distance of 12.5 km with nine stations.

The State government has requested the Union government to sanction the proposal for implementing the project.

As per the information shared by the government, the project would cost ₹16,328 crore and it will take five years to complete the project. The Union government and the State government will bear 20% cost each and the remaining 60% will be raised through debt. Under the Gati-Shakti scheme to fast-track transport infrastructure projects, the Centre is likely to provide additional funds. The State government will bear the land acquisition costs. To implement the project, 110 acres of both private and government land is required.

Along the proposed corridors, the BMRCL has proposed construction interchange facilities of metro stations with other modes of transport such as bus stands, suburban railway stations, and other metro stations (including operational as well as those proposed under Phase II, Phase II a & b).

Between Kempapura and J.P. Nagar 4th Phase, interchange facilities will come at nine locations and between Hosahalli and Kadabagere, integration planned at two locations.

At two locations, metro-cum-road flyovers are proposed. Such flyovers are proposed near J.P. Nagar metro station for a distance of 1.366 km and one near Kamakhya station for a length of 1.563 km towards Hosakerehalli.

Interchange facility will be provided at 11 points

Corridor 1 – J.P. Nagar 4th Phase to Kempapura

J.P. Nagar 4th Phase
J.P. Nagar 4th Phase station of under-construction Nagawara-Kalena Agrahara of Phase II

J.P. Nagar
Existing J.P. Nagar station on Nagasandra – Yelachenahalli line

Kamakhya Junction
Metro station will be integrated with BMTC bus terminal

Mysuru Road
Operational Mysuru Road station on Kengeri – Baiyappanahalli line

Sumanahalli Cross
Proposed Sumanahalli station of Hosahalli –Kadabagere line (under Phase III)

Peenya
Existing Peenya station on Yelachenahalli – Nagasandra line

BEL Circle
Proposed Lottegollahalli station of the suburban rail network and operational Lottegollahalli railway station of South Western Railway

Hebbal
Hebbal station of the suburban rail network and existing Hebbal railway station of SWR

Kempapura
Kempapura station on ORR – Airport line

Corridor – 2 of Hosahalli to Kadabagere line

Hosahalli
Hosahalli station of the operational Kengeri – Baiyappanahalli line

Sumanahalli Cross
Sumanahalli Cross station of J.P. Nagar 4th Phase – Kempapura line

Proposed stations under Phase III metro

BETWEEN J.P. NAGAR 4TH PHASE AND KEMPAPURA

■ J.P. Nagar 4th Phase ■ J.P. Nagar 5th Phase ■ J.P. Nagar ■ Kadirenahalli ■ Kamakhya Junction ■ Hosakerehalli ■ Dwaraka Nagar ■ Mysuru Road ■ Nagarbhavi Circle ■ Vinayaka Layout ■ Papareddypalya ■ BDA Complex Nagarbhavi ■ Sumanahalli Cross ■ Chowdeshwari Nagar ■ Freedom Fighters' Colony ■ Kranteevara Nagar ■ Peenya ■ Muthyala Nagar ■ BEL Circle ■ Nagashettyhalli ■ Hebbal Railway Station ■ Kempapura

BETWEEN HOSAHALLI AND KADABAGERE

■ Hosahalli ■ KHB Colony ■ Kamakshipalya ■ Sumanahalli Cross ■ Sunkadakatte ■ Herohalli ■ Byadarahalli ■ Kamath Layout ■ Kadabagere

'175-km metro network in city by June 2025'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru, which has an operational 55 km of metro lines, will have a network stretching 175 km by June 2025.

Addressing a session on 'Future mobility' at the Bengaluru Tech Summit 2022, BMRCL managing director Anjum Parwez said that work on Phase II and Phase IIA & B is under way at full swing. Under Phase IIA & B, the BMRCL is laying 55 km of metro lines from Central Silk Board to Kempegowda International Airport. By 2041, the metro network in Bengaluru will increase to 314 km as the BMRCL is adding new lines under Phase III.

The biggest challenge in urban mobility is the integration of multi-modal transport systems and to persuade people to shift from personal transport modes to public transport. "We are working with start-ups in mobility to provide last-mile connectivity to passengers. The BMRCL is also working on a transit oriented development where commuters live close to the stations and to the workplaces," he said.

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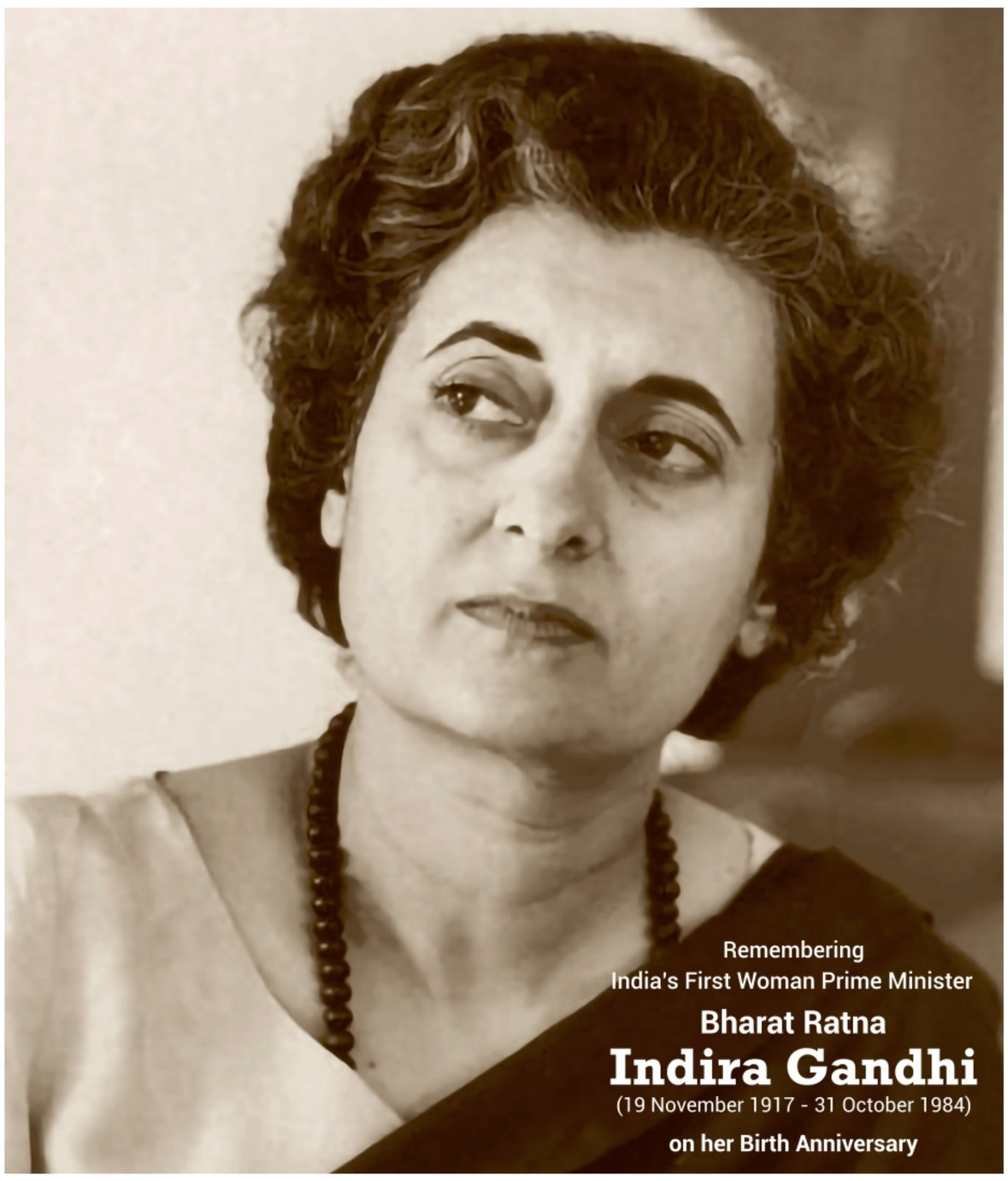

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Ricciardo's startling fall from grace

The Australian was regarded as an elite driver, even a potential world champion in the right car. But his torrid period at McLaren has dented his reputation and cost him his seat – how did things unravel so suddenly and what does the future hold for him?

S. Dipak Ragav

The last race of a Formula One season is inevitably an emotional moment for drivers. There are always a few leaving one team to join another and some who are contemplating uncertain futures. There may be one or two who call time on their careers. This year will be no different.

When the curtain comes down on the Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, it will signal an abrupt pause or probably even the end for one of the sport's most exciting drivers over the last decade.

He is someone who outperformed four-time champion Sebastian Vettel in his first year at Red Bull, gave reigning two-time champion Max Verstappen a run for his money during their time together and then produced some amazing results in not-so-competitive machinery at Renault.

His infectious grin and comic antics made Daniel Ricciardo a fan favourite. But the goofy exterior did not extend to the track. The Australian is an eight-time Grand Prix winner and was widely regarded as an elite driver – even a potential world champion in the right car.

However, since his fateful switch to McLaren in 2021, the 'Honey Badger', as he is known, has had a torrid run, outperformed and overshadowed by teammate Lando Norris.

He joined McLaren on a three-year deal with a salary estimated to be north of $20 million. But despite scoring the team's only win since 2012 in Monza last year, Ricciardo has not delivered. That win did not turn the tide for him, as his team and fans hoped it would.

But it did show that when he has a car that aligns with his driving style, he can wring a result out of it. Unfortunately for Ricciardo, Monza was a one-off. At most race weekends, he has struggled to adapt to the McLaren, which has proven a handful to drive.

While his underperformance last year was papered over a bit by the win – Norris outscored him 160 to 115 over the season – hopes of a turnaround this year quickly dissolved. The new regulations have only exacerbated this deficit and exposed his weakness. He has managed just a third of Norris' points tally (35 vs. 113), with one race to go.

> I'm sure over time the right thing — whatever that ends up being — will make sense. I think as well, it's not just about what's right for next year, it's what's right for my future
>
> **DANIEL RICCIARDO**

It was clear from early on in the season that Ricciardo's struggles would continue. After the race in Monaco, where he finished 13th and Norris sixth, McLaren boss Zak Brown hinted that Ricciardo's place in the team next year was far from certain.

McLaren's patience eventually ran out. So much so that the team has paid Ricciardo to sit out the 2023 season and replaced him with a rookie in fellow Australian Oscar Piastri.

Piastri, who was part of Alpine's young driver academy, is managed by another Australian, Mark Webber, and the latter saw an opening to get his driver a seat after Alpine dithered.

Ricciardo's fall from grace has been drastic and shows how sometimes the wrong machinery can bring even the best of drivers down.

Narain Karthikeyan, the first Indian driver in F1, knows Ricciardo well, having been part of the same team, HRT, during the latter's maiden season in 2011.

Speaking to *The Hindu*, Narain said, "F1 is a tough place and sometimes being at the wrong place at the wrong time can really affect you. There is something fundamentally different with the McLaren that Ricciardo has not been able to cope with.

"You don't go from being a really good driver to average just like that. It shows how unpredictable the sport can be and it has not helped that he has a very strong teammate in Lando Norris."

Offering more insight into Ricciardo the driver, Narain said, "He was a great character. Outside of the car, he liked to have fun and be the happy-go-lucky kid but once in the car he was very quick and had a great work ethic. He worked really hard."

Identifying what could be a problem, Narain said, "There is a basic driving style that you build over your career as muscle memory. Then there are things you can do to adapt like springs, dampers and front-wing angles. But here it seems the car and the platform do not suit him at all.

"When that happens, you don't have the confidence in the car. So instead of you driving the car, the car is driving you."

Noting that Ricciardo has previously fared well against his teammates, Narain said, "The fact that Norris has blown him away wouldn't have helped his confidence either."

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> **NARAIN KARTHIKEYAN**
> Former F1 driver

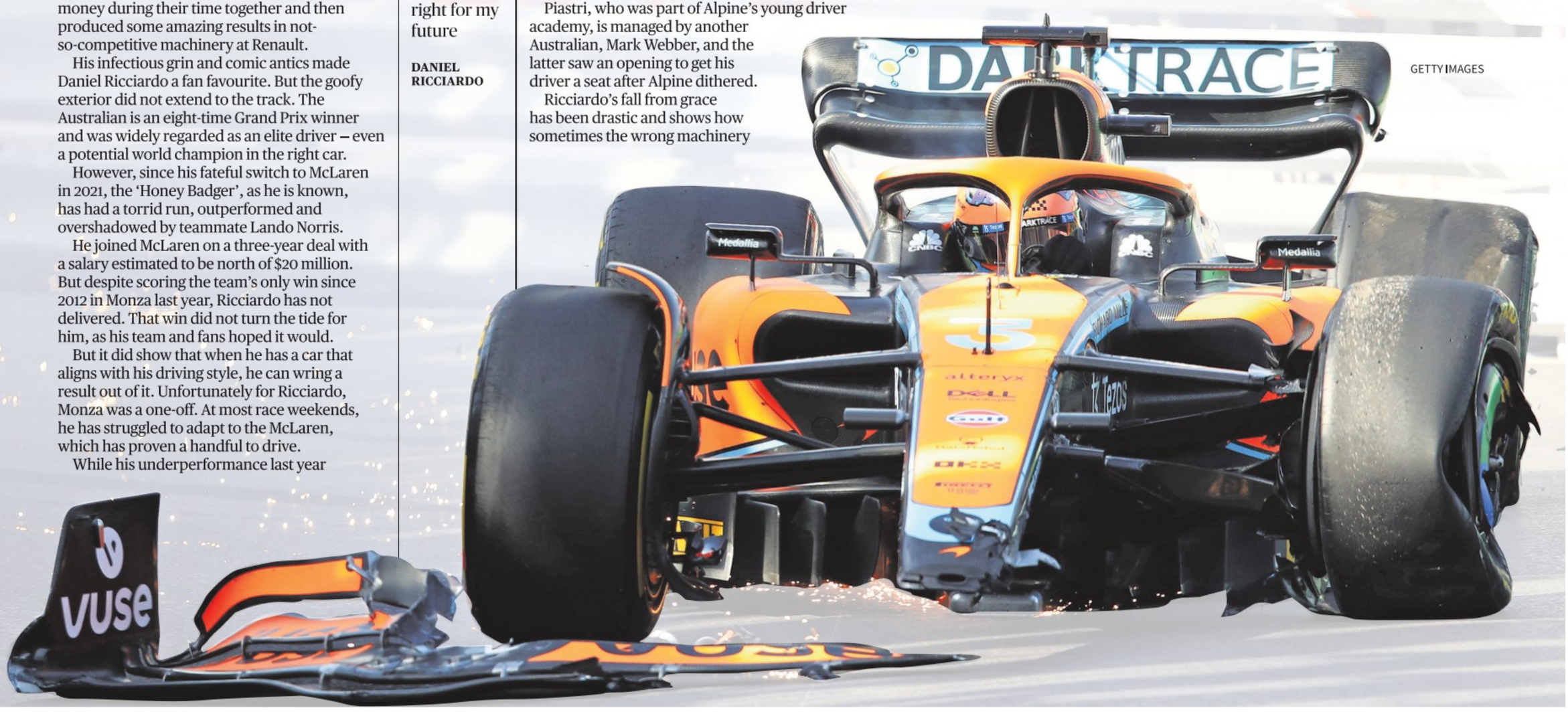
Ricciardo recently said in an interview that, unlike him, Norris has only driven McLarens all his career and sometimes that can help; for Ricciardo, the knowledge of what race-winning cars can do had perhaps not worked in his favour.

When asked about it, Narain said, "It is true that Norris knows the team and the car well for a while but, at the same time, this is where experience counts and you would expect someone like Ricciardo, who has been around for a decade, to find a way to adapt."

With all doors shut for next year, the Australian has said he is looking for a reserve role. There are rumours he could go back to Red Bull or even Mercedes. Such a move could help him stay in touch with the F1 world and enable him to spot possible openings for 2024. But can doing simulation work fulfil a pure racer? Besides, there is no guarantee that either team, with its superstar drivers, would want to upset the applecart.

The other option is to sit out a year and come back fresh. It worked for Fernando Alonso and Kimi Raikkonen, who were out for two years but were able to return to decent teams. Unfortunately for Ricciardo, he has been forced to walk away with his reputation at its lowest. A year's absence could pull the plug on his F1 career.

Whatever he decides, he knows there are no guarantees about his future. Ricciardo made his name in 2014 with his breathtaking late-braking overtakes, serving out a drubbing to Vettel. But now the 33-year-old could very well be driving his last Grand Prix just like his old teammate.



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GAME THEORY

Top sharpshooters in Europe

With club football going into hibernation as the World Cup takes over, we look at the most prolific goal-scorers in Europe's top five leagues (Premier League, LaLiga, Bundesliga, Serie A and Ligue 1) in the season's first half:

Erling Haaland

Robert Lewandowski

Kylian Mbappe

Christopher Nkunku

Harry Kane

Player	Club (League)	Games	Mins	Goals	Goals per 90
Erling Haaland	Man City (PL)	13	1041	**18**	1.56
Robert Lewandowski	Barcelona (LaLiga)	14	1068	**13**	1.10
Kylian Mbappe	PSG (Ligue 1)	14	1146	**12**	0.94
Christopher Nkunku	Leipzig (Bundes)	15	1283	**12**	0.84
Harry Kane	Tottenham (PL)	15	1338	**12**	0.81
Neymar	PSG (Ligue 1)	14	1085	**11**	0.91
Terem Moffi	Lorient (Ligue 1)	14	1043	**10**	0.86
Niclas Fullkrug	Werder (Bundes)	14	1219	**10**	0.74
Ivan Toney	Brentford (PL)	14	1260	**10**	0.71
Marcus Thuram	Gladbach (Bundes)	15	1350	**10**	0.67
Rodrigo	Leeds (PL)	13	895	**9**	0.91
Victor Osimhen	Napoli (Serie A)	11	905	**9**	0.90
Jamal Musiala	Bayern (Bundes)	14	1000	**9**	0.81
Aleksandar Mitrovic	Fulham (PL)	12	1021	**9**	0.79
Vincenzo Grifo	Freiburg (Bundes)	15	1130	**9**	0.72
Alexandre Lacazette	Lyon (Ligue 1)	15	1303	**9**	0.62
Jonathan David	Lille (Ligue 1)	15	1331	**9**	0.61
Serge Gnabry	Bayern (Bundes)	15	834	**8**	0.86
Borja Iglesias	Betis (LaLiga)	13	965	**8**	0.75
Vedat Muriqi	Mallorca (LaLiga)	12	1043	**8**	0.69
Folarin Balogun	Reims (Ligue 1)	15	1080	**8**	0.67
Marko Arnautovic	Bologna (Serie A)	13	1106	**8**	0.65
Martin Terrier	Rennes (Ligue 1)	14	1204	**8**	0.60
Miguel Almiron	Newcastle (PL)	15	1264	**8**	0.57

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Rugged tussle

Ireland's James McCarthy challenges Spain's Jonathan Palomo during the Wheelchair Rugby League World Cup at Copper Box Arena in London. Palomo's teammate Raphael Monedero, watching the action from close range, is the other player in the picture.

This edition, originally scheduled to be held in November 2021 but postponed to this year because of COVID-19, was the fourth staging of the Wheelchair Rugby League World Cup.

The tournament was first held in 2008 in Australia. England was the inaugural champion.

The sport, a wheelchair-based version of rugby league football, was reportedly developed in 2004 and is typically played on a 40mx20m handball court. It shares some features of rugby league — the ball may only be passed backwards, for instance — and utilises the same offside rules. But it also has its own particular rules.

A tackle is counted when a tag is removed from a shoulder.

In this photograph, that is McCarthy's intention: he can be seen reaching for the yellow tag on Palomo's shoulder.

Penalties, drop-outs and conversions — kicks in rugby league — are taken with the fist in wheelchair rugby league.

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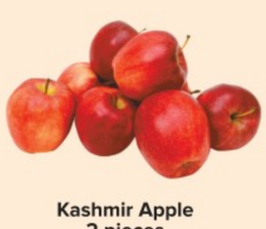

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Two students booked for shouting 'Pakistan zindabad'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two engineering students have been booked by the Marathahalli police for shouting "Pakistan zindabad" slogans at a college event.

The incident reportedly took place on Thursday and a video clip of it has been doing the rounds on social media. A boy and a girl are allegedly seen shouting "Pakistan zindabad" slogans even as other students take objection and try to stop them, following which they stop. The incident took place at a private engineering college in the city.

Questioned

The police registered a case, detained the two students and questioned them on Friday.

Sources said the two students said in their statement that they raised the slogans for fun and did not nurse any anti-India feelings.

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Bengaluru Technology Summit ends with five-point declaration

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The 25th edition of Bengaluru Technology Summit, the three-day annual tech exposition hosted by the government, culminated here on Friday with a five-point declaration.

It envisages establishing a start-up park near Kempegowda International Airport, setting up R&D labs in 50 select colleges in the State, opening science and technology research centres in universities, working towards achieving synergy between educational institutions and the IT-BT companies, and building better connect between the industry, academia, and educational institutions.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, at the concluding session said, the summit received 4.52 lakh visitors in person and 4.99 crore people virtually.

Three high-level ministerial delegations (from Australia, Finland, and the UAE) attended the summit and held several rounds of talks with Ministers and State government officials.

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

(E-Procurement Portal Only)

The undersigned invites tenders in two parts (Part –I: Techno-Commercial Bid and Part-II :Price Bid) through e-procurement portal for Providing Services of the following materials required for maintenance works .

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National Health Mission

DISTRICT HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE OFFICE, BENGALURU URBAN DISTRICT

Old T.B. Hospital Campus, Old Madras Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038.

No: DSU/BANG/HWC/01/2022-23 Date: 16-11-2022

CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION

Ref.: HFW/NHM/CPHC-UHC/CHO Recruitment/20/2022-23 Dated: 15-11-2022

The District Health and Family Welfare Society, Bengaluru Urban District under National Health Mission had invited online applications for 32 Community Health Officer Posts on 27-10-2022. The Last Date for Receipt of Application was 08-11-2022. Based on the request of the candidates, the date has been **extended to 25-11-2022.**

For further details logon to: **https://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/hfw**

Note: Any corrigendum(s)/clarifications and related information to the recruitment shall be published in the above website.

Sd/- District Health & Family Welfare Officer, Bengaluru Urban District.

DIPR/CP/3156/Adverto/2022-23

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH AND NEURO SCIENCES, (Institute of National Importance) BANGALORE 560029 (ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT) Ph:080-26995215

Ref. No.: NIMH/ENG/HOES/1201/2022-23 Date: 18.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-procurement)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Director, NIMHANS, Bangalore for the following works on e-procurement platform **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** last date for uploading tender is on **27.11.2022** up to **4:00 pm.**

Class I registered Civil/Electrical contractors of KPWD / CPWD / CEIG & e-procurement Registration of Government of Karnataka e-portal only.

Note: GST will be paid separately on tendered / bill amount for Sl. No. 1 & 2 Only.

1	Establishing Purchase section, PRO Section, providing reception table, construction of two toilets and other allied works in the proposed New Administrative block in NIMHANS campus, Bengaluru, (On two cover system/ stage).	The approximate amount put to tender is Rs. 229.10 lakhs. The period of completion of work is 11 months EMD is Rs. 3,44,000/- TENDER WORK INDENT NUMBER: NIMHANS/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 205.
2	Replacement of lifts provided at Faculty block, Administrative block and Psychiatry 'B' block in NIMHANS campus, Bengaluru, (On two cover system/ stage).	The approximate amount put to tender is Rs. 83.07 lakhs. The period of completion of work is 9 months EMD is Rs. 1,66,200/- TENDER WORK INDENT NUMBER: NIMHANS/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 206.
3	Replacement and upgradation of AHU's installed at Convention centre in NIMHANS campus, Bengaluru, (On two cover system/ stage).	The approximate amount put to tender is Rs. 130.12 lakhs. The period of completion of work is 6 months EMD is Rs. 1,95,200/- TENDER WORK INDENT NUMBER: NIMHANS/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 204.

For information, Please visit NIMHANS website: **www.nimhans.ac.in** and on e-procurement platform **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

***Sd/-*, Head of Engg Section**

FORM NO. NCLT. 3A

Advertisement detailing petition

[Rule 35 of the National Company Law Tribunal Rules, 2016]

Pursuant to the Scheme of Arrangement between Southern Paradise Stud and Developers Farms Private Limited and Embassy Housing Finance and Developments Private Limited and Embassy Inn Private Limited and Embassy Property Developments Private Limited and their respective shareholders and creditors

CP.(CAA)No. 43/BB/2022

Connected with

CA.(CAA)No.30/BB/2022

NOTICE OF HEARING OF PETITION

A petition under Sections 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013, seeking approval of the Scheme of Arrangement between Southern Paradise Stud and Developers Farms Private Limited (Petitioner Company No. 1/ Transferor Company 1) and Embassy Housing Finance and Developments Private Limited (Petitioner Company No. 2/ Transferor Company 2) and Embassy Inn Private Limited (Petitioner Company No. 3/ Transferor Company 3) and Embassy Property Developments Private Limited (Petitioner Company No. 4/ Transferee Company) [collectively referred to as the Petitioner Companies] and their respective shareholders and creditors was presented before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Bengaluru Bench (NCLT) on August 30, 2022. The said petition was admitted by the Hon'ble NCLT vide order dated October 18, 2022 and is fixed for hearing before the Hon'ble NCLT on December 15, 2022.

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the Petitioner Companies advocate, notice of his intention, signed by him or his advocate, with his name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner Companies advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the petition. Where he seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his affidavit shall be furnished with such notice. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges for the same.

Date : 18.11.2022
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
A Murali
Advocate
Representative of the Petitioner Companies
No. 407, 4th level, Prestige Centre Point,
No. 7, Edward Road, Bangalore – 560 052

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E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION -(KW- 1, 2, 3 & 4)

THESE WORKS ARE GENARAL & SC CONTRACTORS

1) Notification No & Date:PWD/RDN/TS-4/TN/2022-23/4266 Date: 14-11-2022. 2) Name of work's: Raichur District Total 7 work's Sindhanur taluk Different types of roads, Building and other development works. 3) Amount of works: Min Rs. 1544865.52 Max Rs. 40076304.1. 4) EMD Amount : Min Rs. 15500.00 Max Rs. 602000.00 5) Period (including Manson):Min 4 (Four) Months Max 6 (Six) Months 6) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tender: 23/11/2022 16:00:00. 7) Date and Time for Opening of Tender: 24/11/2022 16:30:00

For More details visit this website https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

SD/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWD Division, RAICHUR.

DIP/Raichur/416/MC&A/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client intends to purchase the Schedule property from its owner SRI.K.ANJINAPPA S/o late Kempanna, residing at: Kannamangala Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District - 562110.

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant commercial property bearing Village Panchayat (Khaneshmari Khatha) No.409/70/7, PID No.150300200400101482, measuring East to West on the Northern side 171.7 ft; on the Southern side 146.6 ft, and North to South on the Eastern side 71.10 ft; on the Western 51.6 ft, in all measuring 8712 Sq.ft., situated at Kannamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on:

East by : N.H.7 Road
West by : Private Property
North by : Property of Sri.K.Hanumantharayappa
South by : Property of Sri.K.Nanjegowda

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client **Sri Jaiprakash G S/o Govindappa N,** Residing at No 415, Marasandra, Mathrushree Nilaya, Dodda Tumkur Road, Bengaluru North Taluk-561203 has lost the original Allotment letter, dated 3-10-1980. Original possession certificate dated 1-01-1981. Issued by Karnataka Housing Board in respect of the schedule property. If found the same kindly contact / inform to me or my client. And also this is to inform the General Public that my client intent to sell the schedule property to prospective purchaser. Any person/s claiming any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the schedule property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within **10 days** from the date of this publication. In the event no claim/s is received within the stipulated time, my client proceeds with the proposed sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the house property bearing **No 554,** BBMP Katha 271/554, **LIG in 1st Phase, "B" Sector, Yelahanka New Town** measuring to an extent of East to West 50 feet and North to South 35 feet totally 1750 sq. feet and bounded on the **East by: House no 565, West by : Road, North by : House no 553, South by : House no 555.**

V. Srinivasa, Advocate
No. 1461, Ground floor,
Behind Post office, Nehru Nagara,
BB Road, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-64
Ph: 9886542761 / 9611312761

Yelahanka Date: 17/11/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public hereby notified that my client **Mr. Ravikiran Nagaraj Vemulkar S/o Nagaraj Narayanaswamy and others,** Residing at No.9, 1st Floor, Aqua Forte, 12, Kensington Road Opposite Ulsoor Lake, Sivan Chetty Gardens, Bangalore-560 042 are the absolute owners and are in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the property mentioned in the Schedule and they have lost/misplaced the Original Settlement Deed 18-11-1957, registered as document No.1969, in Book I Volume 963 at pages 72 to 74 in the office of the Sub-registrar, Civil Station, Bangalore pertaining to the Schedule property. In this connection, an E-Complaint has also been lodged on 17-11-2022. I hereby call upon the General public if anyone is in custody or possession of the same or otherwise found the above said document, kindly handover to undersigned immediately / within **7 days** and they may be suitable awarded, and also I further bring into the notice of the general public that in case anyone dealing with the Schedule Property on the basis of the above said original document, it shall not be binding on my client and the same will be an offence and they are liable to punish under the Criminal and Civil Law.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land together all the constructions standing thereon and bearing premises Old No.2, New Municipal No.31, PID No.80-33-31, situated at **Memorial Street, Civil Station, Bangalore,** presently coming under the limits of BBMP, Bharathinagar Ward No.91, measuring East to West 113 feet or 34.44 mtrs and North to South 56 feet 6 inches or 17.21 Meters together with building constructed thereon and bounded on:

East by : Pension Subedar Ramaswamy's House; **West by :** Memorial Street; **North by :** Munshi Akbar Hussain's House; **South by :** Premises No.1 Memorial Street Civil Station, Bangalore;

KRISHNAMURTHY. P, Advocate
No.11, 1st Floor, North Park Road,
Seshadripuram, Bangalore-560020.
Mob:9740718436

PUBLIC NOTICE

This Public Notice is issued on behalf of my client **Mrs. MALIKA BEGUM,** W/o. Mr. Syed Bhasheerulla, to bring to the notice of the general public that the Original sale deeds bearing **document No. 2135 of 1976-77 dated 7-2-1977, & document No. 1304 of 1977-78, dated 11-8-1977, registered at the office of the Sub-Registrar of Shivajinagar, Bangalore,** are lost or misplaced for which online complaint has been lodged at **Police Unit:** Bengaluru City, **Lost Report No.** 0387690/2022 **Date:** 17/11/2022.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization have any claim are holding the afore mentioned documents, they shall return the same or contact the undersigned in writing within **07 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential immovable property bearing Municipal No. New 57/1, Situated at Stephens Road, Fraser Town, Civil Station, Bangalore-560 005, and the Unique "Property ID No." (PID) allotted to this property is 91-7-57/1, was earlier under BMP ward No. 91, presently falls under BBMP ward No. 78, Pulakeshi Nagar, Bengaluru, the same being :

BOUNDED on the :
East by : Property bearing No. 57,
West by : Portion of Property belonging to Mr. G.K. Nair and Portion of Property belonging to Lizie Anthony,
North by : Murgesh Mudaliar Road,
South by : Mosque Road Cross,
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SYED GHOUSE PASHA
HMS LAWYERS NEST, ADVOCATES,
No. 1, 'Syed Manzil', 13th Cross, 1st Stage,
Pillanna Garden, Sagayapuram, Bangalore-84.
Mobile : 99455-69486.

CHAMARAJANAGAR INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

Sy. No.124, Yadapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chamarajanagar - 571313.

No: CIMS/Tender/22/31/32/33/2022-23 Date: 16-11-2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Director & Dean, Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, Chamarajanagar invite the tenders from eligible tenderers in TWO cover system through e-procurement for having,

1. Re-tender for Supply of Medical Equipment for Ophthalmology department of CIMS teaching hospital, Chamarajanagar (CIMS/Tender/OP.Micro/22/2022-23/Call-2), Tender Value Rs. 16.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount Rs. 40,000/-, Date and time for uploading the tender is from 17-11-2022 at 10.00 AM to 03-12-2022 up to 5.30 PM;

2. Tender for Supply of Furniture - Mobile Compactor to Medical Record Department of CIMS Teaching Hospital, Chamarajanagar (CIMS/Tender/MRD/F/31/2022-23), Tender Value Rs. 45.00 Lakhs, EMD Amount Rs. 90,000/-, Date and time for uploading the tender is from 17-11-2022 at 10.00 AM to 03-12-2022 up to 5.30PM;

3. Tender for Supply of Medical Equipment to Dermatology of CIMS Teaching Hospital, Chamarajanagar (CIMS/Tender/Derma/32/2022-23), Tender Value Rs. 23.80 lakhs, EMD Amount Rs. 47,600/-, Date and time for uploading the tender is from 17-11-2022 at 10.00AM to 03-12-2022 up to 5.30PM; and

4. Tender for Campuswide networking to CIMS campus, Chamarajanagar (CIMS/Tender/Network/33/2022-23), Tender Value Rs. 100.00 lakhs, EMD Amount Rs. 2,00,000/-, Date and time for uploading the tender is from 17-11-2022 at 10.00 AM to 03-12-2022 up to 5.30 PM.

Any more details can be obtained from the website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in w.e.f 17-11-2022 or at office in all working days from 10.00AM to 5.00PM.

Sd/- Director and Dean
Chamarajanagar Institute of Medical Sciences
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TENDER NOTIFICATION No.40/22-23, Dt. 19.11.2022

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited by "The Dy.General Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following items from reputed manufacturers/authorized dealers, as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description	Approx. Value (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD in (Rs.)
1	Supply of black ankle boots of different size. **HGML/2022-23/IND3442**	17.91	45,000/-
2	Supply of wooden planks and sleepers. **HGML/2022-23/IND3436**	161.95	2,43,000/-
3	Supply of telephone cables. **HGML/2022-23/IND3426**	13.55	34,000/-
4	Collection of wet and dry waste from door in the HGML colony and transport to designated place. **HGML/SERVICE/162/2022-23**	52.53	1,05,000/-
5	Job work contract for maintenance of toilets at HGML. **HGML/SERVICE/163/2022-23**	70.48	1,40,000/-
6	Job work contract for providing labour for HGML Colony maintenance.**HGML/SERVICE/168/2022-23**	76.81	1,55,000/-
7	Job work contract for providing labour for maintenance of electrical works at HGML. **HGML/SERVICE/167/2022-23**	34.77	70,000/-
8	Job work contract for collection and transportation unloading of garbage to designated area. **HGML/SERVICE/169/2022-23**	58.67	1,20,000/-
9	Job work contract for maintenance of oxidation pond, UGD pipe line & open drains in HGML. **HGML/SERVICE/170/2022-23**	53.59	1,10,000/-

Calender of events:

1) Pre-bid meeting (Zoom) :- **24.11.2022 for Sl.No.2 at 10.30 AM**
2) Last date for receipt of tender:- **06.12.2022 at 4.00 P.M**
3) Opening of Technical Bid on :- **09.12.2022 at 10.00 A.M**

For further details interested bidders are advised to log on to website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in e-procurement portal.

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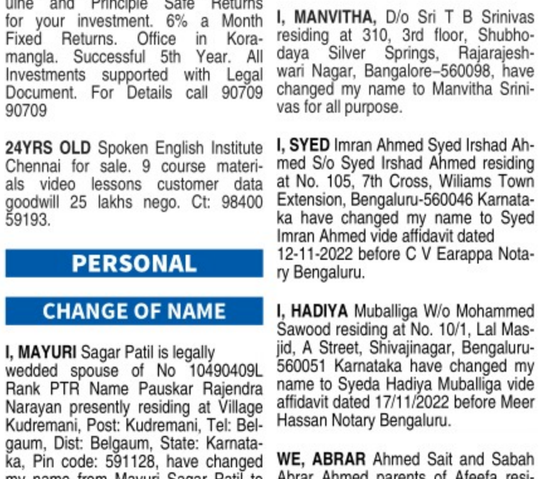

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, MAYURI Sagar Patil is legally wedded spouse of No 10490409L Rank PTR Name Pauskar Rajendra Narayan presently residing at Village Kudremani, Post: Kudremani, Tel: Belgaum, Dist: Belgaum, State: Karnataka, Pin code: 591128, have changed my name from Mayuri Sagar Patil to Mayuri Rajendra Pauskar vide affidavit dated 20 Sep 2022 sworn before Notary Sivakumara M N Bangalore.

I, SHILPA Laxman Koni is legally wedded spouse of No 10490272K Rank NK Name Siddappa Boragoud presently residing at Nipanal (Vill & PO), Raibag (Teh), Belgaum (Dist), Karnataka-591222, have changed my name from Shilpa Laxman Koni to Shilpa Siddappa Boragoud vide affidavit dated 10.11.2022 sworn before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, B'lore.

I, SUREKHA Dengi is legally wedded spouse of No 10490285F Rank NK Name Iranna Bargi presently residing at Chirala Dinni (Vill), Kulage (PO), Basavanabagewadi (Teh), Bijapur (Dist), Karnataka-586216, have changed my name from Surekha Dengi to Surekha Iranna Baragi vide affidavit dated 10.11.2022 sworn before Notary Sivakumara.M.N, B'lore.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MANVITHA, D/o Sri T B Srinivas residing at 310, 3rd floor, Shubhodaya Silver Springs, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore–560098, have changed my name to Manvitha Srinivas for all purpose.

I, SYED Imran Ahmed Syed Irshad Ahmed S/o Syed Irshad Ahmed residing at No. 105, 7th Cross, Wiliams Town Extension, Bengaluru-560046 Karnataka have changed my name to Syed Imran Ahmed vide affidavit dated 12-11-2022 before C V Earappa Notary Bengaluru.

I, HADIYA Muballiga W/o Mohammed Sawood residing at No. 10/1, Lal Masjid, A Street, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560051 Karnataka have changed my name to Syeda Hadiya Muballiga vide affidavit dated 17/11/2022 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru.

WE, ABRAR Ahmed Sait and Sabah Abrar Ahmed parents of Afeefa residing at 40/3, Viviani Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005 have changed the name of our minor daughter to Afeefa Abrar Ahmed Sait vide affidavit dated 17/11/2022 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru.

I, Neeraj Kumar Shukla S/o Pramod Kumar Shukla, R/o: D 1204, Sjr Parkway Homes, Rayasandra Main Road, Near Rayasandra Lake, Rayasandra, Bengaluru 560099 have changed my minor Son name from Aaradhya Shukla to Aarush Shukla for all purposes in future.

I, BASANA GOUDA S/o SHANKARAPPA BIRADAR. Residing H.No. 272, 1st B-main Road, Syndicate Bank Layout, Herohalli, Bangalore - 560091. have changed my name to BASANGOUDA PATIL S/o SHANKARGOUDA BIRADAR, vide affidavit Dt:18-Nov-2022 sworn before notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KUMBHAR Asmita Subhash is legally wedded spouse of No 10490372P Rank PTR Name Abhijit Shivaji Kumbhar presently residing at Village: Appachiwadi, Post: Appachiwadi, Tel: Chikodi, Dist: Belgaum, State: Karnataka, Pin Code: 591241, have changed my name from Kumbhar Asmita Subhash to Asmita Abhijit Kumbhar vide affidavit dated 20 sep 2022 sworn before Notary Sivakumara M N Bangalore.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021-22

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting ('AGM')** of the **MADRAS RACE CLUB** ('The Club') for the year 2021-2022 is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, 14th December 2022 at 5.15 p.m. (IST) at the Registered Office of the Club, situated at Guindy, Chennai – 600032, and also through Video Conference ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM")** to transact the business, as set out in the Notice of the AGM.

Instructions for Members intending to attend the AGM at the Venue and vote at the venue or join the Annual General Meeting electronically and vote electronically are detailed in the Notice of the AGM.

Notice of the AGM along with the Annual Report 2021-2022 is being sent through electronic mode to those Members whose e-mail addresses are registered with the Club and hard copy is being posted to those who do not have or who have not furnished the email id. The same will also be available on the Club's website at **www.madrasraceclub.com** and on the website of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL), **www.evoting.nsdl.com** the service providers for assisting such members who wish to participate in the meeting electronically.

Club Members are requested to register / update their email address by writing to the Club with details of their membership number and attaching a self-attested copy of PAN Card as identity proof and self-attested copy of any document (viz. Driving Licence, Election Identity Card, Passport) in support of the address of the member at **secretary@madrasraceclub.com** or to **evoting@nsdl.co.in**

The Club has engaged the services of NSDL as the authorised agency for assisting Members in participating in the AGM electronically and for providing e-voting facility. Members can cast their vote online from **10.00 A.M. (IST) on Sunday, 11th December, 2022, till 5.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th December 2022 (IST).** At the end of remote e-voting period, the facility shall be disabled. The Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend / participate in the AGM through VC / OAVM but shall not be entitled to cast their vote again.

Only those members, whose names are recorded in the Register of Members as on the 'cut-of-date' ie. **Wednesday, 16th November, 2022** only shall be entitled to vote.

In terms of Articles of Association of the Club, no Club Member shall be entitled to vote at or take part in any meeting of the Club until all moneys due to the Club by him have been paid. Hence, Club Members are requested to settle all their dues on or before **5.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 7th December, 2022** in order to cast their vote.

Queries / grievances, if any, with regard to e-voting, may be addressed to the Secretary, Madras Race Club, through e-mail at **secretary@madrasraceclub.com** OR may please visit Help and FAQs section available at **www.evoting.nsdl.com** or contact toll free No. **1800 345 4001 / 1800 309 4001.**

By Order of the
Committee of Management of
MADRAS RACE CLUB

S.NIRMAL PRASAD
Secretary

Place : Chennai
Date : 16th November 2022

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL AT BENGALURU [CH-22]
O.S. No. 25510/2021

Between :
M/s.ICICI Bank Ltd, Having its branch office at 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli Hosur Main Road, Bangalore-560 068 and represented by its Collection Manager Mr. Pramod G. **...PLAINTIFF**
AND
Mr. K.Venkata Krishna
...DEFENDANT

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

To,
Mr. K. Venkata Krishna
Aged about 40 years
S/o Mr. Anjaneyulu Kandimalla
R/at. No.73, 29th Main Shivani PG BTM Layout Bangalore 560 017
Also at Bank Road
Lingamgunta Maddipadu,
Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh-523 262

WHEREAS the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs. 13,56,023.48/- as on 26/03/2021 along with interest 24% P.A. and other consequential relief. You are hereby summoned to appear before the **Hon'ble 13th Addl. City Civil Judge, Mayo hall at Bangalore** (CH-22) in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 02/01/2023 at 11:00 AM, take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, this 14th day of November, 2022.

By order of this Hon'ble Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayohall unit, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
ANVAYA LAW, ADVOCATES AND CONSULTANTS
First Floor, Indian Express Building No.1, Queens Road
Bengaluru-560001
Cell No. 9845806822
vasudevan.hn@anvayalaw.com

IN THE COURT OF THE LV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-56)
O.S. NO. 6844/2021

Between :
M/s ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race- Course Circle, Vadodara- 390007, having its head office at and branch office at : 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised Representative.
Mr. Rohith Ali M **...Plaintiff**
And:
Mr. Tapabrata Samanta
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant :
Mr. Tapabrata Samanta,
S/o. Sakti Kumar Samanta,
Aged about 43 Years,
Residing at
Flat No. G-02, 33,
Royal Palace Apartment,
1st Cross, 9th Main Road,
Vijaya Bank, Near SBI Bank,
Bilekahalli Layout, Bengaluru-560076.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs.8,50,016.92/- along with interest at the rate of 15% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LV Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-56), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 15/12/22 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 2nd day of November 2022 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru

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The 'physical' office is here to stay

Workspaces will be structured in a way to help maintain physical and mental wellbeing of employees.

By Anshuman Magazine

Inclusive workspaces add to the efficiency

DESIGN

The year 2020-21 accelerated the need for organisations to reinvent work and the workplace. During this time, employees adapted to remote work for at least a part of their work week. But, despite an overwhelming narrative around workplace flexibility, most employees want to get back to the 'physical' office.

While companies continue to focus on employee productivity and collaboration, this in the long run will eventually imply a full return to the office. Keeping this in mind, organisations must work towards finding the right balance between work in and outside of the office.

What's essential is to undertake an approach that involves rethinking how, when, and where we work.

Post the peak-pandemic period, corporates are adopting a holistic approach and have aimed toward a more employee-centric style.

As businesses come to an understanding that fulfilling the employees' needs and requirements will help the business grow productively, the office space designs are evolving to meet the same.

They are trying to create a diverse and dynamic workspace that will inspire the next generation to relish their work and enhance their performance.

Providing paramount importance to the health and wellbeing of the workforce will help in creating a distinct competitive advantage through reduced costs, less skiving, and increased productivity.

To sustain the idea, the common areas, and meeting rooms will be reorganised to comply with the safety norms, and workspaces will be structured in a way to help maintain physical and mental wellbeing. Offices are aiming to change their image from a mere space provider to providing an ecosystem that nurtures collaboration, productivity and creativity.

Workplace reforms

Occupancy studies found that office space was frequently unused prior to the outbreak of pandemic. More organisations now recognise this gap and are now aiming to use the office efficiently.

If not activity-based workplaces, companies are likely to embrace desk-sharing for some employees. This style of structure not only provides for efficient space utilisation but also gives occupants greater control over their area and frequently includes more collaborative work zones.

Companies are thinking about how to turn their workplace into not only an efficient setting, but also the ideal environment for their employees' productivity, wellness, and overall engagement as they got closer to resuming mainstream office-based employment.

The stakeholders' view

With the above in view, occupiers are expected to recalibrate workplace designs to reinforce the image of choice as a centre for collaboration.

As we move forward, the demand for sophisticated and tech-enhanced real estate offerings is expected to grow further as occupiers focus on providing a safe and healthy workplace to employees while meeting their need for flexibility.

Owing to a combination of pent-up demand and expansion, occupiers have already started to realign their post peak-pandemic business strategies.

Steady recovery

According to recent reports, office leasing activity in India witnessed steady recovery in 2022 with supply addition recorded at 26.1 mn sq. ft. in H1 2022, up by 26% Y-o-Y; leasing activity reached 29.5 mn sq. ft. during the period, a rise of 157% Y-o-Y

This momentum is likely to continue in 2022 with around 51-53 million sq. ft. of new office space to become operational in 2022, up by about 4-5% on an annual basis.

This implies that office leasing activity is likely to continue to bring new focus on large-sized and high-quality buildings by developers to differentiate their assets and attract occupiers.

Providing paramount importance to the health and wellbeing of the workforce will help in creating a distinct competitive advantage through reduced costs, less skiving, and increased productivity

As businesses work towards balancing workplace productivity and employee comfort, we will continue to witness a shift in the office site locations. The role of office spaces will also evolve to serve as the centre of collaboration and team-building. This, coupled with the need for maintaining a healthy work/life balance, will enable businesses to re-define office spaces.

Businesses that continue to monitor the situation and adopt a dynamic strategy will be the ones that will drive the growth in the office space segment.

This will create opportunities that enhance long-term asset value through better understanding and structuring of users' needs.

Hub-spoke hybrid working models will gain further traction, leading to potential demand for commercial spaces in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. The next few years will also see a further push in demand for sustainable and tech-driven offices that includes implementations such as smart parking, touchless elevators, real-time floor plan views, and infrared biometrics to ensure employee safety and wellbeing.

(The author is Chairman & CEO - India, South-East Asia, Middle East & Africa, CBRE)

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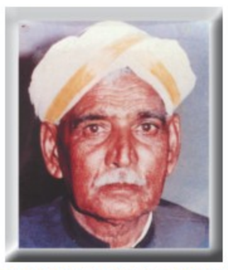

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Road closed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A part of Gubbi Thotadappa Road from Shatala Circle to Sangolli Rayanna Circle (towards the railway station) will be closed for white-topping work.

According to a release from the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, the white-topping work will be taken up in the 580-metre stretch from Saturday to December 18. The work may disrupt the traffic around the Majestic area, which usually sees a heavy movement of vehicles.

Timings
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SATURDAY, NOV. 19		
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28°C The weather will be dry. Day will be comfortable but humid. Night will be slight cool.

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Golden Chariot ready to roll again

The first tour of the refurbished train to be flagged off tomorrow; upholstery, curtains, and linens have been upgraded

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

The Golden Chariot has thematically designed coaches, with modern amenities. K. MURALI KUMAR

With its chic rooms, a multi-cuisine kitchen, and a fully stocked bar, one of India's five luxury trains, Karnataka's Golden Chariot, seems not very different from most star hotels.

With a total of 14 carriages, out of which 12 are named after the royal dynasties that ruled over Karnataka, like Hoysala and Vijayanagara, the interiors of the train provide a royal feel to the passengers who will board it. Ahead of the train's first trip after a hiatus of over a year, *The Hindu* took a peek into the train stationed at Yeshwantpur station. The first tour of the refurbished train will be flagged off on November 20 at 8.30 a.m.

Four cabins

Inside every compartment are four cabins which provide double, twin, and triple bed options for the travellers. Inside the Shathavahana cabin is also a physical disability-friendly room where everything, including the washrooms, have been designed in a way to make travel easier for them.

After the IRCTC took over the management of the train, even though there have not been any major changes, the smaller refurbishments have enhanced the visual appeal of the train. "This train is already 15 years old. A train can run in a good condition for a maximum of 25 years. As we do not have much time left, we have not invested a lot, but we have made some changes to make it more luxurious," said Mohammed Mohsin, Deputy General Manager, IRCTC, rolling stocks.

What is new

The previously carpeted flooring inside cabins and restaurants have all been converted into wooden flooring now. The upholstery, curtains, and linens have been upgraded to better quality ones, and artistic wallpapers have been plastered behind headboards in every cabin. The IRCTC has also hung new artwork across the train, bringing in cultural elements which are exclusive to Karnataka, like the yakshagana. As every compartment is named after a dynasty, artworks corresponding to that dynasty have also been displayed inside.

The onboard service will be provided by Sarovar Hotels Pvt. Ltd. The two restaurants, Ruchi and Nalapaka, while serving local cuisines, will also provide continental food options.

BA reference book says urine therapy can control AIDS, cancer; academics ask how it was recommended

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

"Urine therapy is a part of naturopathy and diseases like AIDS, cancer, eye, ear, tooth, skin diseases can be controlled by drinking, coating urine..."

These are among the things described in a chapter of the reference book 'Medical Sociology' authored by retired professor K. Byrappa for the BA fifth semester 'Medical Sociology' paper of the University of Mysore (UoM) in accordance with the National Education Policy curriculum. "Nature has given immunity to man in his body. Urine is that energy. There are details that yogis have been drinking urine for thousands of years. Information about this is available in 'Shivambu Samhita' Sanskrit literature," the book says. The book also talks about "cow urine treatment" and says that is believed to cure diseases such as cancer, migraine, asthma, arthritis, and diabetes. It also mentions "sacred medicine, conch therapy, oil therapy, chutki therapy", among others, and lists out diseases that can be cured by such treatments.

'Not consulted'

Prof. Byrappa told *The Hindu* that he was not consulted by either the university or the State Curriculum Development Board before his book was considered as a reference book for degree students. "I compiled this book for a publisher four years back. The things I described in the book are ancient and traditional methods of medicine. Those contents are not necessarily scientific. I will discuss with the university and request them not to propose my book as a reference book for degree students," he said. But educationists have asked how the book was recommended in the first place. Sripad Bhat, an educationist, said, "According to the State Sociology Curriculum Development Board, Sociology textbook for the fifth semester students of the UoM has not been finalised. But how is this reference book list circulating everywhere? How did the committee recommend this book? I urge the university to not propose such unscientific books as reference books."

Responding to the row, H. Rajashekar, Vice-Chancellor (in charge), UoM, said, "I got the syllabus copy prescribed by the Board of Studies (BoS) and the reference book authored by Prof. Byrappa. But, we don't know what the content is. The BoS is the statutory body and we don't have the authority to remove any content finalised by it."

3 transgender persons among those selected for teacher posts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a first, three transgender persons have made it to the final tentative list of graduate primary teachers (GPT).

This year, the government had provided 1% reservation in GPT recruitment for transgender persons. The three on the list are Suresh Babu from Chickballapur district for English language, Ravikumar Y.R. from Madhugiri for Social Science, and Ashwathama from Raichur for Social Science.

For the first time, eligible engineering graduates were also allowed to apply for the posts of GPT. Among them, 19 people have been selected.

B.C. Nagesh, Minister for School Education and Literacy, released the final tentative list with 13,363 names on Friday. Among these, 1,768 GPT are selected for English language, 5,450 for Maths and Science, 4,521 for Social Science, and 1,624 teachers for Biology. In this list, a total of 9,176 non-Hyderabad Karnataka candidates and 4,187 Hyderabad Karnataka candidates were selected. This year, the government had invited applications for a total of 15,000 GPT posts.

Speaking to the press, the Minister said, "The target was to complete the recruitment process of 15,000 teachers in a strict time frame. Accordingly, the process from the date of notification to the release of the provisional selection list of 1:1 ratio was completed within nine months. If there is any objection, the candidates can submit it by November 23. The government has decided to recruit 2,500 high school teachers and the recruitment process will be started in February 2023."

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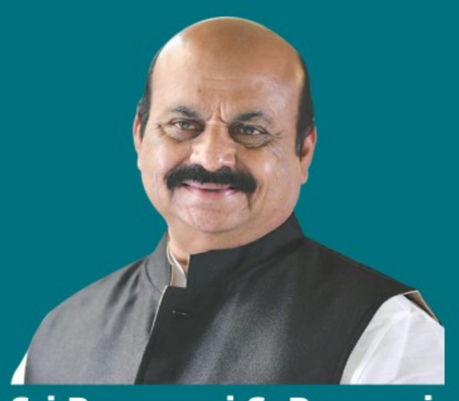
A Progressive Step Towards Eradication of Beggary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- By giving Alms Begging is being encouraged. Stop giving Alms. Join hands for Eradication of Beggary.

Sri Kota Srinivas Poojari, Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Backward Classes Welfare visited the Nirashrithara Parihara Kendra and enquired about the well being of the inmates.

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EDUCATION HUB

A Business Initiative

St. Joseph's University signs multi-year contract with Eurofins India

St. Joseph's University has signed a multi-year contract with Eurofins India to create a state-of-the-art analytical chemistry lab at St. Joseph's University, Bangalore. Neeraj Garg, Regional Director of Eurofins, South Asia and the Middle East discussed the company's aim to train the scientific community of the country by providing them with industry-level facilities. Dr Fr. Victor Lobo SJ, the Vice Chancellor of St. Joseph's University, Bangalore elaborated on the opportunities that the students can now receive due to this partnership. This collaboration will provide hands-on experience to postgraduate students at the University about the latest instrumentation for analytical chemistry such as HPLC, LCMSMS, GC, GCMS, ICPMS among many others, and will make them industry ready by the time they graduate and promote research. Eurofins also plans to support curriculum development in analytical chemistry and instrumentation, by providing visiting faculty and offering paid internships alongside possibilities of full-time employment to the graduates of the University, at diverse Eurofins companies all over India.

Flight Physics laboratory inaugurated at NMIT

A new flight physics laboratory was inaugurated at the Department of Aeronautical Engineering at Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology, Bengaluru to provide valuable insights into the aerospace industry. The laboratory aims to introduce aspirants to high-end technology such as flight simulators, and astronomical telescopes, along with the 4-seater-single-engine aircraft, Cessna 172 Skyhawk. The event was inaugurated by Dr K. Rajalakshmi Menon, Scientist and Director at Centre for Airborne System (CABS), Bengaluru, DRDO, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India and presided by Prof. N.R. Shetty, Chancellor at the Central University of Karnataka. Shetty discussed the significance of Cessna 172 Skyhawk while Menon highlighted the role of aerospace in the 'Make in India' and 'Make for the World' campaigns. Alongside, two high-end Astronomical Telescopes were also installed in the Astronomy Club of NMIT on this occasion. Dr Rajaram Nagappa, Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies, IISc, Bengaluru; Dr P. Raghothama Rao, Chairman, National Design and Research Forum, Bengaluru; Dr H.C. Nagaraj, Principal, NMIT; Rohit Punja, Administrator, Nitte Education Trust; Dr V. Sridhar, Dean Academics, NMIT; Dr P.N. Tengli, Former Director, DRDO and Professor in the Dept. of Aeronautical Engineering, NMIT were also present on the occasion.

Poojya Dr Sharnbaswappa Appaji celebrates 88th anniversary

Maha Dasoha Peetadhipathi of the Sharnbasveshwar Samsthana and Chancellor of the Sharnbasva University, Poojya Dr Sharnbaswappa Appaji celebrated his 88th birth anniversary at Dasoha Mahamane in Kalaburagi city on 14 November 2022. The celebrations were attended by the family of Poojya Appaji which included Matoshree Dr Dakshayini Avvaji, 9th Peetathipathi of the Samasthan Chiranjivi Poojya Doddappa Appaji, his sisters Bhavani, Shivani and Maheshwari. The family members also offered their obeisance to Appaji with an aarti consisting of 88 lamps symbolizing his 88th birthday celebrations. Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor of the Sharnbasva University, Dr Niranjan Nisty elaborated on the difference that Appaji had created in the lives of people in the region. Meanwhile, Dr Anilkumar Bidve, Registrar of the Sharnbasva University thanked Dattatreya Patil Rewoor, chairman of Kalyana Karnataka Area Development Board (KKRDB) for sanctioning Rs 3 Crore from the KKRDB funds for construction projects. Commemorating the birth anniversary of Poojya Dr Sharnbaswappa Appaji, Sarangadhara Deshikendra Mahaswamigalu from Sarangadhara Math at Srisailam in Andhra Pradesh has appealed to the state government to establish Kalyana Karnataka Ratna Award and confer the same to Appaji to honour his contributions towards social service and education. He has also voiced to award Appaji with Padma Bhushan and higher Padma awards, while he claims that all his pleas have remained unheard by the authorities.

MP Tejasvi Surya delivers a dialogue session at Reva University

Reva University hosted a dialogue session by youth politician MP Tejasvi Surya as a part of their social awareness campaign, Nyaya Darshana on 8 November 2022. Complying with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs), the campaign aims to provide social development using Quality Education (SDG IV), Gender Equality (SDG V), and Partnerships for the Goals (SDG XVII). The session was attended by students and faculty of REVA University, law students from various colleges, NGOs, law firms, and Panchayat members. Surya appreciated the efforts of the university to instil social responsibility among students in bringing change to society. He also highlighted the importance of inculcating habits, such as reading, to broaden the mindset of the youth. The talk was followed by a question and answer session, wherein the politician resolved the queries of the attendees about various topics of national interest.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement Mode Only)

KPTCL invites bids for the following Works/Service.

No: SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-3/22-23/4546-50 Dt: 16.11.2022

(1) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/REPL/34 for Replacement of 2x8MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer by 2x12.5MVA, 66/11kV Power Transformer at 66/11kV, Sinduvallipura in Nanjangud Taluk & Mysuru District on PTK basis.

(2) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/ADDL/44 for Providing Additional 1x8MVA Power Transformer at 66/11kV Maradihundi Substation in Mysuru Taluk & District on PTK basis.

(3) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/ADDL/45 for Providing Additional 1x8 MVA Power Transformer at 66/11kV Mugur Substation, in T-Narasipura Taluk & Mysuru Diston PTK basis.

(4) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/EEE(O)/AE-3/T(W&M)/MYS/LINES/21 for Construction of 66kV 2nd circuit line for a distance 1.5kms on existing D/C towers for making LILO arrangement to Ramapura substation in Hannur Taluk & Chamarajanagara District along with Terminal Bay on TTK Basis.

No: SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AEE-2/AE-1/22-23/4568 Dt: 17.11.2022

(5) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SM/Htgly/536 Dt: 03.11. 22 for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and maintenance works at 66/11KV Sub-stations **Madikeri** pertaining to TL&SS Division Hootagally KPTCL, Mysuru coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission Circle, KPTCL, Mysuru.

(6) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SM/Htgly/537 Dt: 03.11. 22 for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and maintenance works at 66/11KV Sub-stations **Saligrama** pertaining to TL&SS Division Hootagally KPTCL, Mysuru coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission Circle, KPTCL, Mysuru.

(7) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SM/Htgly/538 Dt: 03.11. 22 for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and maintenance works at 66/11KV Sub-stations **BG Nagara** pertaining to TL&SS Division Hootagally KPTCL, Mysuru coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission Circle, KPTCL, Mysuru.

(8) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SM/Htgly/539 Dt: 03.11.2022 to KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SM/Htgly/566 Dt: 03.11.2022 for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and maintenance works at 66/11KV & 220/66/11 KV Sub-stations pertaining to TL&SS Division Hootagally KPTCL, Mysuru., coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission Circle, KPTCL, Mysuru.

(9) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SM/CRN/567 Dt: 03.11.2022 to KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SM/CRN/577 Dt:03.11.2022 for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and maintenance works at 66/11KV & 220/66/11 KV Sub-stations pertaining to TL&SS Division CR Nagara KPTCL, Mysuru., coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission Circle, KPTCL, Mysuru.

(10) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SM/Mdy/578 Dt: 03.11.2022 to KPTCL/SEE/TWM/SM/Mdy/587 Dt:03.11.2022 for Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and maintenance works at 66/11KV & 220/66/11 KV Sub-stations pertaining to TL&SS Division Mysore (NRM), KPTCL, Mysuru., coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission Circle, KPTCL, Mysuru.

No: SEE/T(W&M)/MYS/EEE(O)/AE-1/22-23/4596-98 Date: 18.11.2022

(11) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/MYS/R&M/Call-4/526 Dt: 18.11.2022 for Combined Package for strengthening of 66kV Bus by Drake ACSR at various 66/11kV Substations pertaining to Hootagally Division on TTK Basis.

(12) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/MYS/GCB/Call-3/589 Dt: 08.11.2022 for Providing new MEI make MCVCB (1I/C+1IF+1BC) for replacement of age old 11kV MCVCB Switch gears at 66/11kV Sub-stations Gundlupete, TL&SS Division Chamarajanagara.

(13) Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/TWM/MYS/R&M/588 Dt: 03.11.2022 for Strengthening of existing earthmat at 66/11kV Substation, Gundlupete.

The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **for Sl.No. (1 to 4) 24.11.2022 & for Sl.No. (5 to 13) 21.11.2022** any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Supertending Engineer, El., Tr. (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, 1st Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru-570007. Phone: 0821-2455018

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public is hereby notified that my client intends to purchase site No. 178/6 bearing Property No. 630/178/6 in the Chikkajala Panchayati Records with Property No. 15020020310110066l, formed and carved in Survey No. 39/1 of Chikkajala Village, converted for residential purposes as per Official Memorandum No. B.Dis. ALN.SR(N)56/87- 88 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, measuring East To West 9.14 Mts., (equivalent to 30 ft.,) and North to South 11.58 Mts., (equivalent to 38 ft.,) totally measuring 105.84 Sq., Mts., equivalent to 1140 Sq., Ft.,) situated at Chikkajala Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk Bangalore, (hereinafter referred to as Schedule Property) from **Mr. ANJANEYAREDDY**, aged about 39 years, son of Venkata Reddy, residing at No. 62, Mohan Raj Layout, Bagalur Post, Bangalore North, Sathnur, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 562149 (hereinafter referred to as **"Owner"**), who has represented that he has acquired the same through Absolute Sale Deed dated 10.08.2020 executed in his favour by Mr. Venkatesh, registered as Document No. BYP-1-02123-2020-21 of Book I and stored in CD No. BYPD666 in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar (Byatarayanapura) and the same is free from all encumbrances, charge, lien, mortgages (except the registered mortgage by memorandum of deposit of title deeds dated 29.11.2021 in favour of M/s. Shriram City Union Finance Ltd.,), litigations and/or any third party rights/claims of any nature whatsoever.

Notice is hereby given to the general public that if any person/s, entity, company, firm and institution has/have any claims of right, title, interest, in the Schedule Property or any part thereof, the same may be brought to the notice of the undersigned in writing together with all details and documents in support of such claim within **7 days** from the date of this Notice, failing which, it shall be construed that the aforesaid Owners have a clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property and that none else has any right, title, interest or claim whatsoever; and my Client would proceed to enter into and complete the sale transaction in respect of the Schedule Property. Any objections and/or claims received afterthe expiry of the said period, shall neither be entertained nor be binding on my Client.

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Voter data 'theft': Details collected have potential for misuse, say experts

The police on Friday broke open the offices of the NGO in Bengaluru and recovered electronic devices, but those in the know say 'precious time has already been lost'

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

While there is a political storm over the alleged voter data 'theft' by Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust, impersonating as civic body officials from August-November in Bengaluru, the larger question as to how and whether the data can be retrieved at all is crucial, say experts.

Though the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) revoked permission to Chilume to carry out the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) campaign on November 2, till date, it has not initiated any steps to recover the data that has potential for misuse.

Given that electioneering is increasingly becoming "professionalised" with consultancy firms and big data playing a key role, the value of the information said to have been collected in the run-up to the Assembly polls is immense, said a city MLA, who did not wish to be named. "Such data can allow us to target our campaign better. Spatial data, mapped at a household level, removes the hazy assumptions most of us work with and gives campaign an edge," he said.

Election-watchers say the data collected by the NGO not only breaches privacy and gives political players undue advantage, but also has the potential to enable voter suppression. FILE PHOTO

Experts and election-watchers say the data collection in this manner not only breaches privacy, gives political players with access to this data undue advantage, but also has the potential to enable voter suppression.

"It is said that those who run the accused Trust also ran a political consultancy firm, which the Opposition has alleged is associated with a member of the ruling party. This throws up a scary scenario. If there is systemic collusion, there is a potential for targeted voter suppression by deletion of entries from electoral rolls, presently a big concern in the U.S. Right now, there is no evidence to suggest it has happened. But such an exercise has the potential to enable it, which is why there needs to be a thorough probe," said Harish Narasappa of Karnataka Election Watch and Association for Democratic Reforms.

Senior electoral rolls analyst P.G. Bhat said that while a probe would act as deterrence, he was sceptical about data recovery. "Any number of copies of the data could be anywhere in the world on the cloud. It is practically impossible to prevent the data from falling into the hands of those who are ready to pay for it. Even before this scandal broke, there have been many improprieties carried out with data from the electoral rolls itself," he said.

Agencies, now tasked with the probe of the scandal, said recovering the data was one of their priorities. The Halasuru Gate police on Friday broke open the offices of the Trust in Malleswaram and recovered electronic devices from the premises. They are looking out for office-bearers of the Trust, presently at large. A senior police official with experience in cyber crime investigations said it was almost impossible to confiscate all copies of the data. "Precious time has been lost and the data would have already been passed on," he said.

Meanwhile, Amlan Aditya Biswas, Regional Commissioner, Bengaluru Region, now tasked with probing the scandal by CEO, Karnataka, told *The Hindu* that he would soon serve notices to the Chilume Trust to appear before him.

Scam worth over ₹500 crore: DKS

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar on Friday alleged that voter data "stealing" scam was worth more than ₹500 crore and the Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust, the NGO allegedly involved in theft of data on the pretext of carrying out an awareness drive in Bengaluru, had demanded ₹1 crore for each ward and promised victory for the ruling BJP's candidates.

With the support of the State government and the BBMP, the private entity not only tampered with the voters' list but also had hatched a plan to tamper with EVMs and manage each ward in Bengaluru, Mr. Shivakumar alleged.

Speaking to reporters here, the KPCC chief demanded registration of FIRs against all Returning Officers (ROs) of 28 Assembly constituencies in the city. Criminal cases should be booked against all BBMP officials, he said. He urged the Election Commission of India to seriously take note of the issue. The Congress delegation would meet the CEO on Saturday and submit a memorandum seeking a high-level probe into the issue, Mr. Shivakumar said.

On the charge that the previous JD(S)-Congress government had permitted the NGO to conduct the voter survey, Mr. Shivakumar said: "Let them (government) arrest us if we had made a mistake. I don't know which official and Minister in our government granted permission."

Probe to look into role of revenue officers in misuse of ID cards

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amid the alleged voter data theft controversy, the BBMP commissioner has said that revenue officers in specific Assembly constituencies will also be held responsible for the misuse of what look like identity cards and disciplinary action initiated.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath, who is also the election officer, said: "In March 2018, permission was granted to Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust for house-to-house visits to create awareness on making online applications via the voter helpline mobile app. Now, since we have received complaints related to the misuse, we have lodged a case against the Trust with the police."

Govt. appoints management panel for dargah/peetha atop Bababudangiri

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

The State government has appointed an eight-member management committee to manage Sri Guru Dattatreya Bababudan Swami Peetha/Dargah, a syncretic cave-shrine atop Bababudangiri in Chikkamagaluru taluk.

Rohini Sindhuri, member secretary of Karnataka Rajya Dharmika Parishat and Commissioner of Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department, issued an order appointing the committee on Friday. The committee consists of Sathish K., Leela C.G., Sheela, Sumanth N.S., K.S. Guruvesh, G.H. Hemanth Kumar, S.M. Basha, and C.S. Chetan.

The order states that the appointment is subject to the final order of the writ petition pending before the Karnataka High Court. The shrine is one of the composite institutions administered by the department.

Ghouse Mohiuddin Shah Khadri, the hereditary administrator of the shrine, had filed the writ petition challenging the September 28, 2021, verdict that asked the State government to relook into the issue quashing the previous government's order dated March 19, 2018, which had authorised only Muzawar appointed by the Shah Khadri perform the rituals in the shrine. The management committee has been appointed even as the writ petition is pending.

The department had invited applications from those interested to be in the management committee in August this year. There were 42 applications and the committee was finalised by the Dharmika Parishat's meeting held on November 2. The members will have to elect one among them as the president of the committee.

The shrine has been in legal battles for decades following Hindutva organisations' demand that it be declared a "Hindu place of worship." Soon after the committee was appointed, Chikkamagaluru MLA and BJP national general secretary C.T. Ravi on his Facebook account posted that the appointment of the committee was the "success of the five-decade-long struggle of Hindus."

However, Syed Ghouse Mohiuddin Shah Khadri, took serious exception to the State government's move. He opined that the government had been against the court's order which ordered for status quo.

The government constituted the committee as per the recommendations of the Cabinet sub-committee headed by Minister J.C. Madhuswamy.

JD(S) launches yatre, but does not announce candidates as per 'astrological advice'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After being postponed twice, the Janata Dal (Secular) launched its ambitious 'Pancharatna Yatre' from Mulbagil in Kolar district on Friday with leaders attacking the Congress for "belittling" the yatre. The party deferred announcing its candidates, though it had earlier said that names of 90 candidates for the Assembly polls would be announced.

Former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy cited his elder brother H.D. Revanna's "astrological advice" not to release the list as the reason for deferring it. The party had already decided not to release names of three constituencies out of eight in Hassan district owing to pulls and pressures from Mr. Revanna's family.

Speaking about the party's promise of "Pancharatna programme", he said: "If I fail to deliver on them even after getting majority on our own, I will dissolve the party." Targeting Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, he said: "You (Mr. Siddaramaiah) promised Yettinahole water to Kolar and Chickballapur but ended up bringing polluted sewage from Bengaluru. Now you want to contest from Kolar and bring development."

Turning his ire at the BJP, Mr. Kumaraswamy said: "Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is a rubber stamp. I do not know if people see him as the Chief Minister." He appealed to the Veerashaivas to support the JD(S).

Tribunal for distribution of Dakshin Pinakini opposed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Urging the BJP government to oppose setting up of an inter-State river water tribunal for distribution of Dakshin Pinakini (Pennar) river by the Centre, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said that the Centre's move on the tribunal will be "a death knell" to the State's interest.

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
Short Term Tender Notification
(Through GOK e–Procurement Portal only)

Expression of Interest is invited from the Secretary, APMC Bellary reputed potential private developers like Firms, Farmers, Individuals, Developers andBuilders,who are willing to Establishing Modern Market for Chillies at Market Sub Yard Aladahalli Village of APMC Bellary on Public-Private Partnership basis's in Karnataka State as per the guidelines of the Public-Private Partnership scheme.

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Sd/-Secretary, APMC Bellary. Sd/-Chairman, APMC Bellary.
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No.: KFCSC/MKT/ADS/TPT/141/SOUTHZONE/2022-23 Date: 19.11.2022

NOTIFICATION

Karnataka Food & Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, Bengaluru invites Short-term tender for **"Appointment of Third Party Assaying Agency to carry out sampling, testing and quality certification of food commodities under Mid-Day Meal Scheme for the year 2022-23 (MDM Scheme) for South Zone Districts of Karnataka under e-procurement mode/other mode".** The Expression of Interest (EoI) and other details can be obtained from the e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and KFCSC Website: **https://kfcsc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Managing Director.

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Item wise tenders for various works have been invited through e-procurement from eligible registered contractors. Total of 15 number of works, the minimum amount put to is Rs.10.00 lakhs to a maximum is of Rs.99.50 lakhs rupees. The dates for submission of tender and opening of the tender and other details can be obtained from the e-portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or from the office signed/- below.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, CNNL, D & I, Division,Bannur
DIPR/DDMYS/MCA/687/2022-23

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
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NOTICE NO.11/2022

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2	CSSD/GOC	28.11.2022	
3	MAS Division	29.11.2022	
4	SA Division	28.11.2022	
5	TVC Division	30.11.2022	
6	PGT Division	30.11.2022	

All other auctions scheduled for November'22 remains unaltered

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TENDER NOTIFICATION
(e-Procurement Mode Only)

The Commissioner, Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services hereby invites tender under e-tendering system from Insurance companies registered under Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA) for providing services to carry out Livestock Insurance in Karnataka State.

Type of Animal: Indigenous / crossbred/ milch animals, (Cattle/Buffalo / Bull /Bullock/he Buffalo),horse, donkey and other Livestock (Goat, Sheep, Pigs, Rabbit)

Tentative Approximate No. of animals to be insured (in nos) : 300000 cattle units.

Approximate funds earmarked per year Rs. 4500.00 Lakhs

Interested eligible tenderers can view the complete document by visiting the website **https://e-proc.karnataka.gov.in** from **17.11.2022**. The tenderers can upload all the relevant documents from **17.11.2022 to 01.12.2022 up to 4.00 PM.**

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/3154/Zen/2022-23 **Member Secretary, Tender Inviting Committee**

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

OBITUARY

Smt. Meenakshi Haran
D.O.B: 28/04/1930
D.O.D: 17/11/2022
Passed away peacefully at home on 17th November 2022
Greatly missed by her children (Bhagirathy, KP Krishnan, KP Shankar, Aruna)
her daughters in law (Sudha, Ashoka)
sons in law (V Krishnan, G Jaipal)
and numerous grand children and great grand children.
Rituals being performed in Delhi.
Contact details:
kpk1959@gmail.com & 9818257670.

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DEATH

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

SHRI KAMATCHI MANI
a.k.a. M.R. SUBRAMANIAN
Beloved father, doting grandfather, philanthropist, poet, composer, singer, Astrologer and Guruswamy attained Shivaloka praapthi on 10-Nov-2022 in Brisbane, Australia.

His kindness, warmth, devotion, humour and unconditional love were experienced by many whose lives he touched and influenced for the better. His love, zest for life and the happiness he brought to all of us will live forever in our hearts along with his music and poetry.

Loving children
Ph: 93848 33325

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

In Remembrance Of

Shri K Shankar Rao (Chairman)
Woodlands Group of Hotels
Chennai & Bangalore
22nd YEAR

Wife	: K.S. Rathi Rao	Grand Daughter	: Mrs. Smitha Rao
Son	: K. Rajesh Rao	Grand Son	: K. Srikrishna Rao
Daughter in Law	: Mrs. K.R. Akhila Rao	Grand Daughter	: K. Shrutha
Daughter	: Mrs. Deepika Rao	Grand Son	: Aditiya Rao
		Grand Son	: Aneesh Rao

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

ELEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

Sri **K. VENKATESWARAN** F.C.A
Chartered Accountant, Madurai
Fondly Remembered by
Sons, Daughters, Sons-in-law, Daughters-in-law Grand Children & Great Grand Children Friends & Relatives

IN MEMORIAM

In Eternal Memory
A.M Gopala Reddy
Hosur

15.04.1949 — 19.11.2015
We love you and will miss you forever
Loving Family | Relatives | Friends

India's first private rocket lifts off from ISRO spaceport

The six-metre-tall launch vehicle Vikram-S is named after Vikram Sarabhai; the rocket is developed by the Hyderabad-based start-up Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited

Sangeetha Kandavel
SRIHARIKOTA

Glorious moment: India's first private rocket Vikram-S lifts off from ISRO's launch pad in Sriharikota on Friday. PTI

It was a historic moment when Vikram-S, India's first privately-developed rocket, lifted off precisely at 11.30 a.m. on Friday from Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) launchpad in Sriharikota.

Developed by Hyderabad-based start-up Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited, the six-metre-tall vehicle hit a peak altitude of 89.5 km and then splashed into the Bay of Bengal about five minutes after the launch. This mission was titled Prarambh.

The rocket Vikram-S is a single-stage solid fuelled, sub-orbital rocket developed over two years by incorporating advanced technologies including carbon composite structures and 3D-printed components.

Equipped with a gross lift off mass of 545kg, and payload mass of 80 kg, Vikram-S carried with it three customer payloads, which will map the measurement and validation of certain flight parameters and payload integration processes.

This was a technology demonstration flight to showcase the capabilities of the company. The rocket will help validate the technologies that will be used in the subsequent Vikram-1 orbital vehicle of Skyroot that is planned for launch next year, subject to technical clearance by IN-SPACe.

Founded by Pawan Kumar Chandana and Naga Bharath Daka in June 2018 Skyroot Aerospace is a two-time national award-winning space startup.

Prisoners likely to get Aadhaar

S. Vijay Kumar
CHENNAI

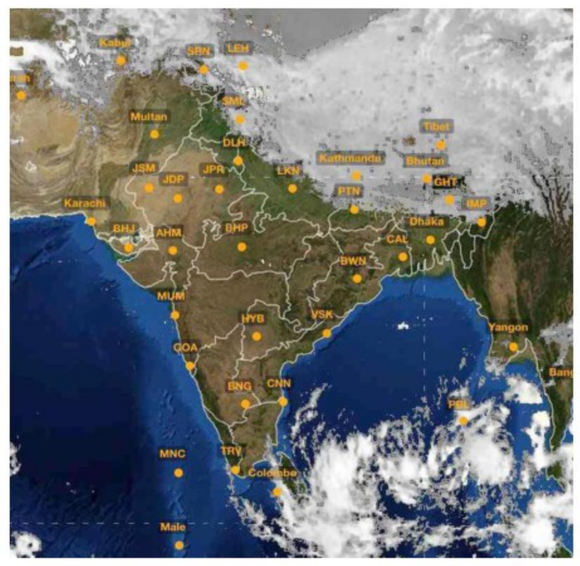
To cover prison inmates across the country, the UIDAI has agreed to accept the Prisoner Induction Document as a valid document for Aadhaar enrolment or update.

Though the campaign to extend Aadhaar to prisoners was launched in 2017, the process did not proceed on expected lines, since the enrolment required valid documents prescribed by the UIDAI. To simplify the process and make Aadhaar available to all prisoners, the UIDAI decided to accept the Prisoner Induction Document, generated from the 'ePrison' module and certified by the authorised prison officer, police sources said on Friday. As of December 31, 2021, the National Crime Records Bureau has reported that there were 1,319 prisons in the country, including 148 central jails, 424 district jails, 564 sub-jails, 32 women jails and 10 borstal schools, with a total of about 5.5 lakh inmates.

Section 57 of The Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016, allows the use of Aadhaar number for establishing the identity of an individual for any purpose, if the use of the number is subject to the procedure and obligations under Section 8 and Chapter VI of the Act.In a note to the heads of the prisons, the Ministry of Home Affairs called for making use of the dispensation made available by UIDAI and facilitating enrolment of Aadhaar through camps.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Squally weather likely to prevail over southwest & adjoining southeast and westcentral Bay of Bengal. Strong winds (wind speed 45-55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph) likely to prevail over southwest & adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.6	16.0	Kozhikode	—	33.1	24.8
Ahmedabad	—	32.7	14.9	Kurnool	—	30.6	17.8
Aizawl	—	29.5	11.6	Lucknow	—	26.4	12.9
Allahabad	—	28.5	12.4	Madurai	—	31.7	21.6
Bengaluru	—	27.8	15.6	Mangaluru	—	33.0	21.6
Bhopal	—	26.8	10.6	Mumbai	—	33.2	22.2
Bhubaneswar	—	30.2	17.4	Mysuru	—	30.0	17.2
Chandigarh	—	27.7	12.2	New Delhi	—	25.9	9.6
Chennai	—	29.8	21.3	Patna	—	27.3	13.6
Coimbatore	—	30.5	20.2	Port Blair	17	29.6	24.2
Dehradun	—	26.3	10.2	Puducherry	—	28.7	19.3
Gangtok	—	17.0	9.0	Pune	—	29.1	14.0
Goa	—	33.6	19.6	Raipur	—	29.2	18.3
Guwahati	—	29.5	16.8	Ranchi	—	25.8	14.2
Hubballi	—	31.0	16.0	Shillong	—	21.1	9.0
Hyderabad	—	29.8	14.2	Shimla	—	17.0	6.0
Imphal	—	26.3	8.5	Srinagar	—	15.0	0.4
Jaipur	—	26.7	12.5	Thiruvananthapuram	2	31.0	23.6
Kochi	—	29.4	25.0	Tiruchi	—	30.9	21.4
Kohima	—	20.9	7.0	Vijayawada	—	31.0	19.2
Kolkata	—	28.8	19.1	Visakhapatnam	—	31.6	24.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.54	.87	.8	56	80	
Bengaluru	.8	.31	.65	211	128	
Chennai	.14	.93	.48	265	154	
Delhi	.23	.87	.48	323	306	
Hyderabad	.41	.50	.70	134	135	
Kolkata	.23	.82	.38	263	196	
Lucknow	.17	.70	.64	242	165	
Mumbai	.71	130	101	202	125	
Pune	—	.46	.49	—	—	—
Visakhapatnam	.25	.44	.30	97	126	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Katihar, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 425 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 28

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Sweet and sour: bamboo fruits trigger rat boom, famine

SPECIAL

Tiki Rajwi
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

A study spanning 13 years has shed interesting light on flowering in *Melocanna baccifera*, a tropical bamboo species that has long fascinated researchers for its association with the occurrence of 'bamboo death,' 'rat floods' and famines in northeast India.

Among other things, researchers detected a correlation between the sugar content in the fruit of *Melocanna baccifera* and the frenzied feeding and population boom in rats during 'Mautam', the cyclical, mass bamboo flowering that occurs once in 48 years.

Researchers observed and listed a surprisingly large variety of animal visitors/predators attracted by the fruit and flowers of this bamboo. They also reported the highest-ever fruit production in a bamboo clump (456.67 kg).

The Jawaharlal Nehru Tropical Botanic Garden and Research Institute (JNTBGRI), Thiruvananthapuram, conducted the study between 2009 and 2022 at its Bambusetum where the species was introduced during 1988-1996.

A paper on the findings by K.C. Koshy, B. Gopakumar, Antony Sebastian, Ajikumaran Nair S., Anil John Johnson, Balaji Govindan, and B. Sabulal has appeared in the journal *PLOS One* on November 16.

Called 'Muli' in northeast India, *Melocanna baccifera* is the largest fruit-producing bamboo and is native to the northeast India-Myanmar region. During its gregarious flowering, the bamboo produces large fruits which draw animal visitors/predators. Of these, black rats greatly relish the fleshy, berry-like fruit. During this period, they also multiply rapidly, a phenomenon dubbed as 'rat flood.' Once the fruits are gone, they start devouring standing crops, causing famines that have claimed thousands of human lives.

Fruit of *Melocanna baccifera*.

Earlier, it was presumed that 'high protein in fruits/seeds' was attracting the rats. However, a JNTBGRI study in 2016 found that the fruit actually contains very little protein. The predation is mainly due to the high content of sugar.

"The fruit chemistry has a significant role in the predation, as fruits are consumed by predators based on their taste preferences to fruit sugars at various growth stages," the researchers noted.

The flowering phenology and fruit production dynamics revealed through this study are helpful to foresters and people involved in the conservation of this bamboo, the JNTBGRI said. Further, the study on fruit chemistry and its links to predation and 'rat flood' could help identify biomolecules useful in medical research, it added.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through E-Procurement Mode)

KPTCL invites bids from the eligible bidders to **Execute Three Civil Works, under the jurisdiction of the Superintending Engineer(Ele), Transmission (Maint), BMAZ North Circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru, invited through "e-Procurement" portal.**

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "e-Procurement-KPTCL" or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **21.11.2022.**

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,
Transmission (Maintenance), BMAZ (North), Ground Floor, KPTCL Office Complex, KPTCL, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560 009.

ADVOCATE GENERAL FOR KARNATAKA
High Court Building, Dr. Ambedkar Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560 001. Phone: 080-22862583, E-mail: advgentender2022@gmail.com
Tender No. 55/AG/STY/2022-23 Dated: 18-11-2022

Tender Notification
(Through e-procurement Portal)

Advocate General for Karnataka, High Court Building, Dr. Ambedkar Road, Bengaluru invited tender to upgrade infrastructure / implement of CCMS and e-filing to Consolidated requirement LAN & UPS, through e-procurement portal. Estimated Bid value: **Rs.5.46 Crore (Rupees Five Crores Forty Six Lakhs only)** The Last date and time for tender submission is on 16-12-2022 at 4:00 p.m. Further details can be obtained by visiting e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For more information, please contact the above office.

Sd/-
Administrative Officer (I/c)
Office of the Advocate General
High Court Building, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/RO3145/AAPL/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. EEE/BMWND/AEE-1/2022-23/3880-81 Date: 18.11.2022

PUBLIC CAUTION NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of General Public that the KPTCL has entrusted the construction of 220kV Multi Circuit line from 8 pole structure Chikkabettahalli limits Vidyaranyapura to 220kV GIS Sahakaranagar station up to Hebbal LILO point to M/s KEC International Limited.

The agency will be commencing the 220kV line work from 21.11.2022 to 10.12.2022. This line is passing through "The Regency Public School, AMS Layout Extension, 3rd Main Road, AMS Layout, 2nd Cross, 3rd Cross, 4th Cross, 5th Cross, 6th Cross & 7th Block Walking Park in HMT Layout, 6th Block BEL Layout, GKVK Road".

As such it is requested to co-operate with KPTCL for execution of the above work. This work will be carried out daily from morning 8.00 AM to evening 7.00 PM. During this time it is requested to the General Public not to park the vehicles below the existing 220kV & 66kV line corridors and also requested not to come near the working zone of 220kV line corridor.

It is very much regretted for the inconvenience to the General Public and please co-operate with KPTCL for early completion of work.

Hence the General public are here by informed to keep away from the above Overhead line during execution of work in the above mentioned line route.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer Elec., Bengaluru Major Works North Division, KPTCL, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-09.**

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ
ಸಂ: ಎ2/ಬಚಿಟ್/ಟೆಂಡರ/ವಿವ–86 & 87/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.11.2022

ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(1) 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಅತಿಕ್ರಮಣ ತೆರವುಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ಮತ್ತು ಸಂಭವನೀಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.11.2022 ರಂದು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ.75.00 ಲಕ್ಷ** ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. (2) 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಮರಮಟ್ಟು ಸಂಗ್ರಹಾಲಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಡಿಪೋ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ, ಕಂಪೌಂಡವಾಲ್, ಗೇಟ ಅಳವಡಿಕೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರೇ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.11.2022 ರಂದು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಸದರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ **ರೂ.72.00 ಲಕ್ಷ** ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರುದಾರರು **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **08387–295236** ಮೂಲಕ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ, ಹೊನ್ನಾವರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಹೊನ्नಾವರ
DIPR/ADK/MCA/622/22-23 Dt.17.11.2022

Government of Karnataka
District Health and Family Welfare Society
National Health Mission
District Health and Family Welfare Office B.D Road Chitradurga
Email:dhochitradurga@gmail.com Tel No:08194-235464
No. DPMU/NHM/CTA/CHO/01/2022-23 Date: 16.11.2022

CORRIGENDUM

The District Health and Family Welfare Societies under National Health Mission had invited online applications for 03 Community Health Officer Posts on 25.10.2022. The last date for receipt of application was 08.11.2022. Based on the request of the candidates, the date has been extended to 25.11.2022. For further details logon to: https://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/hfw Note: Any corrigendum(s) clarifications and related information to the recruitment shall be published in the above website.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/700/2022-23 Sd/- District Health and Family Welfare Officer, Chitradurga.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
6ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್, ಎಸ್ಸಾರ್ ಪೆಟ್ರೋಲ್ ಬಂಕ್‌ಎದುರುಗಡೆ, ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಂ ಹಾಸ್ಟಲ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಸಂಡೂರುರಸ್ತೆ, ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ–583135 Telephone : 08391-220240
Email : cdpokudligi305@gmail.com
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"ಮರುಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ"

ವಿಷಯ :– ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯೋಜನೆಯ 362 ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿಕೇಂದ್ರದ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿತರಿಸಲು ಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ ಪೂರೈಕೆಗೆಮರುಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವಕುರಿತು.

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ 1) ಸರ್ಕಾರಿಆದೇಶ ಸಂ ಮಮಇ 169 ಐಸಿಡಿ 2021,ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಿನಾಂಕ 26–05–2022. 2) ಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇವರ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂ ಡಿಡ್ಯೂಡಿ/ಐಸಿಡಿಎಸ್/ಎಗ್/1/ಇ–597342 ದಿನಾಂಕ 24–06–2022. 3) ಮಾನ್ಯಉಪನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಜಯನಗರಇವರ ಪತ್ರ ಸಂ ಉನಿವಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಕರೆಯು/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ 09–11–2022

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ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ6ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡ್, ಎಸ್ಸಾರ್ ಪೆಟ್ರೋಲ್ ಬಂಕ್‌ಎದುರುಗಡೆ, ಬಿ.ಸಿ.ಎಂ ಹಾಸ್ಟಲ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಸಂಡೂರುರಸ್ತೆ, ಕೂಡ್ಲಿಗಿ–583135, ವಿಜಯನಗರ ಜಲ್ಲೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, (Lakes - Dasarahalli), Room No. 309, 3rd Floor, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002.
No: EE-(Das-Lakes)/Tend-11/2022-23 Date: 18-11-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the Executive Engineer, Lakes - Dasarahalli, BBMP for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approx. Amount of Work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Providing Chain Link Fencing to Lakes Boundary in Dasarahalli and West Zone.	100.00	1,70,000/-

Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender Documents can be downloaded from GOK e-Procurement Portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 22-11-2022 after 10.00 Hrs. 2)** Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders: **03-12-2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. 3)** Date of Opening of Tender Bid: **05-12-2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Lakes-Dasarahalli, BBMP.
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL, VIJAYAPUR
No: DUDC-5/Indira Canteen/Tender/CR-01/2021-22 Dated:17.11.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement Portal Only)

The Deputy Commissioner Vijayapur District Vijayapur invites, in two cover system tender from eligible tenderers for providing catering service for Indira Canteen at Urban Local Bodies of Vijayapur District, Package wise service as details below.

1) **Description of work:** Package No: 1 Providing catering service of 4 Indira canteen in city corporation Vijayapur District Vijayapur in Karnataka as per price schedule listed in E-Procurement Portal (**Indent No DMA/2021-22/IND12799/CALL-3). Approximate Value of good& service per year, amount Rs. 416.10 Lakhs. EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) Rs.6.24 Lakhs. Delivery schedule: As given Tender Document.**

2) **Description of work:** Package No: 2 Providing catering service of 4 Indira canteen in Urban Local Bodies in District Vijayapur in Karnataka as per price schedule listed in E-Procurement Portal (**Indent No DMA/2021-22/IND12804/CALL-3). Approximate Value of good& service per year, amount Rs. 291.27 Lakhs. EMD (Earnest Money Deposit) Rs.4.37 Lakhs. Delivery schedule: As given Tender Document.**

Interested eligible tenderers can download and participate through E-Procurement Platform (www.eproc.karnatakagov.in) EMD and Tender Processing fees can be remitted through E-Procurement Portal only.

Calendar of Events: (1) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: 28/11/2022 17:00:00 (2) Last date for submission and uploading of completed tender documents 03/12/2022 16.30 hrs (3) Opening of Technical Bid 05/12/2022 17.00 hrs (4) Opening of Financial Bid 15/12/2022, 17.30 hrs

For any information contract No: 08352-222988 Email: ltstaff_dudc_bijapur@yahoo.co.in

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner, Vijayapur District, Vijayapur
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Office Of The Executive Engineer
BACKWARD CLASS WELFARE DEPARTMENT
2nd Floor, Jilla Panchyath Bhavan, B.M. Road. Ramanagara.
Ph.: 080-27276047, E-mail: dobcramanagara@gmail.com
No. : BCWD/FOODTENDER/CR-10/2022-23 Date : 16-11-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Invited Tender Notification for the Financial Year 2022-23 for Supply Food Grains and Miscellanies to all Pre-Mertic & Post Metric Hostels / Ashrama Schools, coming under Backward Class Welfare Department, Ramamagara Dist., Ramanagara. Last Date for Submission of Tender is Date : 30-11-2022 Time : 5.00 p.m. Interested eligible bidders Registered in e-procurement Visit the **Website : http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for Submission of Tender. For further information **Contact : 080-27276047 (Within Duty Hours Excluding Public Holidays).**

Sd/- District Officer,
Backward Class Welfare Department,
Ramamagara District, Ramanagara.
DIPR/Ramanagar/343/Manipal/2022-23

Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike
Office of the Executive Engineer (East)
Lakes Division, Room No. 308, 3rd Floor,
New Building, N.R.Square, Bengaluru-560002
No: EE/Lakes-Dasarahalli/Tend- 10/2022-23 Date: 18/11/2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Short Term Tender Notification-Two Cover Tender)
Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the works mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organizations.

The Tender Document can be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) on payment of prescribed fee noted against each item of work (non refundable) in the form of e-Payment through e-Procurement Platform. The Tenderer should accompany a copy of the Registration Certificate valid up to the year of 2023 and shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal (Standard Tender Bid Document).

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimated cost of the work (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	**Providing PMC for** Package: 19. 1) Comprehensive development of Karihobanahalli (Narasappanahalli Kere) Lake. 2) Comprehensive development of Doddabidarakallu lake. 3) Comprehensive development of Lakshmipura lake.	1500.00	50000.00

Stipulated period of completion : 11 Months. **Eligibility of contractor and category :** NABL & ISO Certified Consultant

Calendar of Events: (1) Bid documents can be downloaded from 21/11/2022 from the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. **(2)** Pre bid Meeting will be held on the on 25/11/2022 at 15.00pm at the office of Executive Engineer (Dasarahalli), Lakes, BBMP. **(3)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before 16.00 hours on 05/12/2022. **(4)** Technical Bids will be opened on the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in in the office of the Executive Engineer (Dasarahalli), Lakes, BBMP on 06/12/2022 at 16.30 hours:

Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Dasarahalli), Lakes

Malady and remedy

Holding back names is not the right response to flaws in collegium system

The collegium system of making appointments to the higher judiciary has come under focus, largely due to critical remarks made by Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju. A lawyer has now formally approached the Supreme Court for reconsideration of its 2015 judgment striking down the Constitution amendment and the law creating a National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC). While the petition will be "listed in due course", there is another aspect that flags the tension between the Government and the judiciary over judicial appointments. A Bench of the Court voiced its displeasure over the Government delaying its recommendations for appointment, as well as ignoring names that had been reiterated twice or even thrice. The result was that lawyers whose names had been recommended for appointment had withdrawn their consent to be judges. The Bench was forced to observe that keeping the recommendations on hold was "some sort of a device to compel these persons to withdraw their names". The Government's keenness to wrest back the power to make judicial appointments from the judiciary is clear. However, it is doubtful whether this can be achieved by a review petition. The 4:1 verdict can only be reviewed by a Bench of equal strength, and the Government has not sought a review all these years. Mr. Rijiju did say, as part of his series of comments critical of the collegium system, that the Government had accepted the decision, but added that it could not be silent forever over the opaqueness and lack of accountability in the system.

Much of the criticism heaped upon the collegium system is not unfounded. It is opaque, it does limit the zone of consideration to those known to its members and judges who are consulted on appointments, and there is no indication that it is conducive to attracting the best legal talent. Some maladies it was supposed to remedy – mainly, the perception about the executive's influence over the judiciary – persist. Even the judgment that struck down the 99th Constitution Amendment and the NJAC Act accepted that there were flaws, but the majority chose to retain the collegium system until it was improved. The exercise to improve it was also abandoned soon. However, if the Government is really keen to bring about a change, the petulant response of stalling appointments is not the way. It has to work towards an alternative mechanism, one that does not have the perceived infirmities that led to the invalidation of the earlier law. The NJAC mechanism enabled the outnumbering of judicial members by executive nominees. A better system than the present one should avoid such pitfalls in the name of executive primacy in judicial appointments.

All eyes on Qatar

Despite controversy over the venue, the world is ready for the football spectacle

Even in this era of round-the-clock sporting activity, the football World Cup holds special allure. Very few competitions kindle such worldwide interest and stir passion quite like the showpiece event of the most popular sport. For footballing nerds, it is the biggest stage to look out for the latest tactical trends while for the romantics, it is an opportunity to reconnect with their favourite yesteryear stars' teams, such as Diego Maradona's Argentina, Pele's Brazil and Johan Cruyff's Netherlands. It will be no different when host Qatar and Ecuador set the ball rolling in the opening match of the 2022 edition this Sunday. What has changed however is the timing, with the World Cup moving away from the traditional summer slot to escape the West Asian country's searing heat. It will thus be held right in the middle of various club seasons, cutting short the time for practice and coaching lessons. But unlike at a tournament that comes at the fag end of the season, player fatigue is not expected to be a defining factor. Another point has been Qatar's record in upholding universal human rights and its worthiness as a host. But the debate will linger until such time as sports organisations realign their moral compass and break the nexus with big capital and authoritarian governments.

But once the action begins, the World Cup is expected to be a joyous celebration of the sport. The triumvirate of Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo and Neymar will attract most attention. For Messi, 35, and Ronaldo, 37, Qatar represents the last chance to secure the coveted title, and a golden swansong will be high in the minds of the Argentine and Portuguese fans. Neymar's Brazil boasts of an incredibly talented team and seems best-placed to end a 20-year trophy drought while defending champion France will look to draw on its squad depth to overcome the loss of key personnel in Paul Pogba and N'Golo Kante. Former champion Spain, 2018 finalist Croatia and plucky Uruguay all have capable rosters. Historic underperformer England – the run to the Euro 2020 final notwithstanding – and the more recent underachiever Germany will look to turn over a new leaf. Senegal will anchor the African nations' charge, but without talisman Sadio Mane it will be an uphill task. Asian countries South Korea and Japan will be out to prove, once again, that they are no pushovers. The return of the Netherlands to the World Cup fold is welcome news, while the absence of Italy, the reigning European champion, for a second successive edition is nothing short of an apocalypse.

The Governor is under the Constitution, not above it

Dushyant Dave

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In recent years, there has been a grave erosion of constitutional provisions, constitutional morality, and constitutional ethos being witnessed among various constitutional bodies. If the manner of functioning by institutions such as the Election Commission of India and the Comptroller and Auditor General of India has left much to be desired, the conduct of the Governors of some States (especially where there are non-Bharatiya Janata Party governments) has made a complete mockery of the Constitution and its limitations.

Article 153 provides a Governor for each State, and by virtue of Article 154, the executive power of the State shall be vested in the Governor ("Shall be exercised by him directly or through officers subordinate to him in accordance with this Constitution"). However, Article 154(2)(a) prohibits the Governor from exercising any function "conferred by existing law on any other Authority". Article 163 categorically provides that "there shall be a council of ministers with the Chief Minister at the head to aid and advise the Governor... except in so far as he is by or under this Constitution required to exercise his function or any of them in his discretion".

Acting in harmony

The Supreme Court, in *Shamsher Singh vs State of Punjab and Anr.*, decided on this issue in 1974: The Governor exercises "all his powers and functions" by making rules for the convenient transactions of the business of the government of the State in accordance with Article 166 of the Constitution. These are called Rules of Business. The Court however amplified that "wherever the constitution requires satisfaction of the President or the Governor for the exercise of any power or function by the President or the Governor, as the case may be, as for example in Articles 123, 213, 311(2) proviso (c), 317, 352(1), 356 and 360. The satisfaction required by the Constitution .... is the satisfaction of the President or of the Governor in the Constitutional sense under the Cabinet system of the Government". The Court went on to hold that "the discretion conferred on the Governor means that as the Constitutional or the formal head of the State, the power is vested in him" and that it is only in the exercise of the power under Article 356 that the Governor will be justified in exercising his discretion even against the aid and advice of his council of ministers as per his discretionary power but, in all other matters where the Governor acts in his discretion, he will act in harmony with his Council of Ministers. The Constitution does not aim at providing a parallel administration...." The basic philosophy is that in a democracy, the elected Ministers must accept responsibility for every executive act and that the Council of Ministers alone represents a responsible form of government in the States.

With Governors especially in Opposition-ruled States drifting away from the Constitution, the focus must be on the Constituent Assembly debates of the 20th century, which shed light on the gubernatorial role, powers, and duties

Debates in the past

The Constituent Assembly debates are a clear pointer. In 1949, Prof. K.T. Shah debating Article 130 (now Article 154) said: "... the Constitution should make it imperative upon the Governor to use its power in accordance with the Constitution and the Law, that is to say, on the advice of his Ministers as provided for in the subsequent clauses and in other parts of the Constitution." It was hotly debated whether the Governor should be appointed by the President of India or should be elected. Fearing that this would create a parallel State leadership, the Assembly instead adopted appointment by the President. B.G. Kher said: "... a Governor can do a great deal of good if he is a good Governor and he can do a great deal of mischief, if he is a bad Governor, in spite of the very little power given to him under the Constitution....." P.K. Sen said, "... The question is whether by interfering, the Governor would be upholding the democratic idea or subverting it. It would really be a surrender of democracy... We have decided that the Governor should be a constitutional head... he would be the person really to lubricate the machinery and to see to it that all the wheels are going well by reason not of his interference, but his friendly intervention."

Vishwanath Das said, "I have my bitter experiences in this regard. I was the Prime Minister of a province and I know how the Governor of my province was out to break my party... You cannot have democracy and autocracy functioning together." K.M. Munshi said, "... All things considered, it would be better to have a Governor nominated by the Centre, who is free from the passions and jealousies of local party politics."

B.R. Ambedkar said, "The Drafting Committee felt as everybody in this House knows, that the Governor is not to have any kind of functions – to use a familiar phraseology, no functions which he is required to discharge either in his discretion or in his individual judgment. ... According to the principles of the New Constitution, he is required to follow the advice of his ministry in all matters... Therefore... the real issue before the House is not nomination or election, but what powers you propose to give to your Governor. If the Governor is a purely constitutional Governor with no more powers than what we contemplate expressly to give him in the Act... I personally do not see any very fundamental objection to the principle of nomination."

While debating Article 143 (now Article 163) on June 1, 1949, Prof. K.T. Shah said, "Whatever may be the procedure or convention within the Cabinet itself, however, the decisions of the Cabinet may be taken, so far as the Governor is concerned, I take it that the responsibility would be of the Chief Minister who will advise also about the appointment of his colleagues or their removal if it should be necessary." Defending the discretionary power given to the Governor under this Article, B.R. Ambedkar amply clarified the position by saying, "The clause is a very limited clause. It says: 'except in so far as he is by or under this Constitution'. Therefore, Article 143 will have to be read in conjunction with such other articles which specifically reserve the power to the Governor. It is not a general clause giving the Governor power to disregard the advice of his ministers in any matter in which he finds he ought to disregard."

Repealing the doubts of a Member on the powers of the Governor (Article 147, now Article 167) B.R. Ambedkar said, "I cannot see what sort of interference that would constitute in the administration of the affairs of the Government... All that the Article does is to place the Governor in a position to enable him to perform what I say ... but the duties which every good Governor ought to discharge." T.T. Krishnamachari, the member of the drafting Committee said, "... If my honourable friend understands that the Governor cannot act on his own, he can only act on the advice of the Ministry, then the whole picture will fall clearly in its proper place before him..."

The reality today

These debates give us sufficient indication of the role, the powers, and the duties of the Governor. Certainly, the Governor has no powers to interfere with the administration in day-to-day affairs including to refuse assent to Bills passed by the Assembly. But what is happening today, especially in Opposition-ruled States is a shocking disregard by Governors for the Constitution. Surprisingly, the Governors in BJP-ruled States are singularly silent on any issues demanding the discharge of their duties. While it is perhaps understandable why the Central Bureau of Investigation, the Enforcement Directorate and other investigative agencies are functioning the way they do, it is difficult to understand at all how some Governors are functioning as they are now.

One can only hope and trust that the situation will be remedied by the judiciary at the earliest. It is only then that the rot can be stemmed.

Yes, the Indian Air Force needs a new doctrine

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There is a deafening crescendo around the pitch for *aatmanirbharta* in the field of the defence inventory and not a day passes without the media featuring stories on some breakthrough or the other about indigenisation. Things have improved vastly but what is debatable is whether these events are being guided by some long-term institutionalised thinking and planning – another term for which is doctrinal guidance.

A layman's definition of doctrine is that it is 'the best way of doing a thing'. It is developed with many inputs, the important ones being ideas influenced by past experience, present capability and capacity of technological research and development and manufacturing, human resource availability and an organisational environment that encourages free thinking and a deliberation of fresh ideas. An *aatmanirbharta* campaign that is not based on a foundation of doctrinal thought is on a shaky wicket. And as we debate (unfortunately) whether air power is a support force (an abominable thought), some recent writings have tended to downplay its vital importance in any future conflict.

It is time that the doctrine of the Indian Air Force (IAF) – it is of 2012 vintage – is reviewed and made public to guide the future development and application of India's air power. Doctrine drives technology and given the ongoing advancements, the IAF doctrine would have to spell out the following to meet the challenges of the mid-century.

Technology has progressed exponentially. Artificial intelligence and machine learning are being refined to mimic human cognitive abilities and intuition. Their incorporation, despite monies remaining elusive for another decade or so, would be a challenge that needs doctrinal analysis.

The domain of space

The roles and missions of the IAF would have to be re-assessed since space will be a major, if not a central, player in future conflicts. The weaponisation of space must be accepted, the Outer Space Treaty notwithstanding. Conflicts down centuries have shown the advantage that accrues to the force that occupies the 'high ground.' Hence, an emphasis on unmanned platforms and space assets, including a capability for satellites on call would be necessary. That this would be an inter-ministerial endeavour is indeed true, but this has to be institutionalised through a published doctrine. The loss of air superiority has, and will, spell doom for a nation that chooses to neglect it; the IAF's doctrine must expound on this aspect as an imperative despite the high financial commitment required.

Faced with a challenging security environment, the advent of new technologies and the issue of scarce finance, the IAF needs a revised guiding document to help it navigate ahead smoothly

A call on how air power, with its niche strike, Airborne Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) and precision attack capabilities would be merged in the drive towards jointness would be an imperative. While the Department of Military Affairs and institution of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) are new, the IAF's future 'flight plan' would need a doctrinal foundation; this should not be confused with the ongoing clamour for theaterisation.

Given the two-front threat (China and Pakistan) that India faces, would we be forced into a coalition? While this would be a political call, 'joint operations with friendly nations' could certainly be addressed, including commitments in partnerships such as the Quad.

It is a fact of history that when a nation's economy improves, it has to look for raw materials beyond its borders to fuel its advancement, putting it in an adversarial mode against other powers which would be doing the same. This means that a doctrinal alignment for expeditionary movements must find a place in the document.

New technology, stress and human resource

The world has already graduated to multi-domain operations where cyber, space, electromagnetic spectrum, influence operations et al. have been activated together or in stages to get a whole of government approach towards meeting national objectives. The IAF will be just one, albeit an important, cog in the multi-domain power synchronisation for which doctrinal guidance would be a must.

For acceleration of fresh thought, personnel have to feel secure – they have to have the psychological high ground in order to be vocal with their ideas. The IAF's new doctrine must accept this, even as it acknowledges that new technology would result in an information overload which actually accentuates stress in human resource.

Keep out the political prism

America's nuclear asymmetry, post the Second World War was lost when the USSR was on a par. To counter this, the U.S. brought in the Revolution in Military Affairs, seen so vividly in the 1990-91 Gulf War. This turnaround took dedicated research teams under programmes that had continuity from 1965, and political backing under different Presidential administrations. The IAF doctrine must underscore that 'national defence' is a national endeavour and should not be filtered through a prism of the political dispensation at the helm. This is vital.

An air force is not about fighter aircraft alone. Combat enablers such as aerial refuellers, Airborne Warning and Control System, transport and helicopter fleets, radars, communication systems, etc. are vital in operations. Their obsolescence in the coming years would land them in the same state as the fighter aircraft inventory now (30 squadrons). With India trying to cement its place as a regional power of reckoning, these combat support assets are also vital for humanitarian assistance and disaster relief that are important cogs in military diplomacy and foreign policy. Neglecting them would be to India's disadvantage, more so because they are critical too in sustaining kinetic power. The new IAF doctrine must cater to these aspects for the guidance of policymakers.

Indian air power is at the crossroads. Considering the challenging security environment and the issue of scarce finance, the IAF needs a revised doctrine to help it navigate ahead.

The views expressed are personal

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Release and review

The Centre seeking a review of the Supreme Court order to free the convicts in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case is welcome. This involves the murder of the Prime Minister with the assassins belonging to a terror organisation. The convicts may have observed "good conduct" in jail, but the point is that this is a case with a difference. What is the purpose of spending crores of rupees on the criminal justice system, if merciless killers are freed for some weak reason? What about addressing the pain of the families of those who were killed?

Manoharan Muthuswamy,
Chennai

It is in the fitness of things that the Centre has sought a review. It will also be interesting to know what prompted the then Government of Tamil Nadu to recommend the release earlier.

K. Nehru Patnaik,
Visakhapatnam

The Centre's assigned reasons are unconvincing. Sensing the sensitivity of the matter and the political ramifications, the Government seems to have intentionally kept quiet, hoping that the plea for early release would be negatived. It should have anticipated this outcome once A.G. Perarivalan was released. There is every possibility that its plea for a review will fail.

V. Lakshmanan,
Tirupur, Tamil Nadu

U.S. poll results, politics

The U.S. mid-term election results were a kind of 'November surprise' for the Democrats. While it may have saved President Biden, it is time the Republicans consider former President Donald Trump a liability.

C.G. Kuriakose,
Kothamangalam, Kerala

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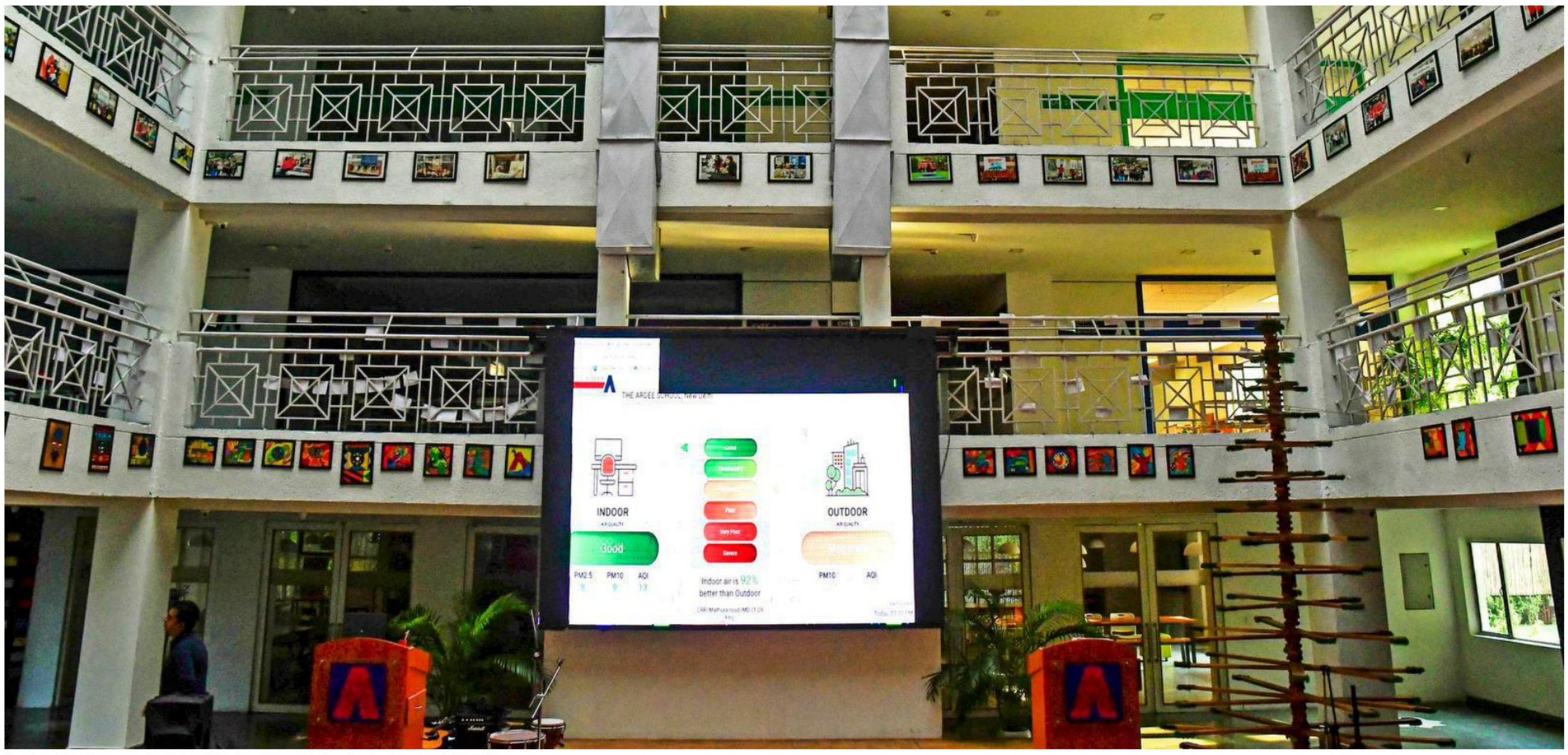

An air purification system installed at The Ardee School in New Delhi. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Air bubbles in Delhi's dystopia

With air pollution a seasonal occurrence in north India every winter, particularly in the National Capital Region, those who can afford to install ever more sophisticated air filtration systems are doing so in homes, office spaces, schools, gyms and hotels. **Nikhil M. Babu** and **Jacob Koshy** report on the technologies which provide a temporary respite for a few and the class stratification that is becoming all the more evident

On a chilly November morning, four-year-old Tejaswini Singh got down from her father's scooter and walked towards the metal gate of the government school in Aliganj where she studies. Singh, who was wearing a grey skirt and pink shirt but no mask, stopped to wave goodbye before she disappeared behind the gate. "Now the air quality is better," said her father, Bimal Kumar, while explaining why his daughter was not wearing a mask despite the air quality being 'very poor' in Delhi. "But I was relieved when the school closed earlier this week due to severe air pollution." When asked if there were solutions for clean air at school, Kumar, 59, shook his head.

About 9 km away, a grey Audi pulled up outside Gate 1 of The Ardee School, a private educational institution. In the central courtyard of the school, past the many security guards and the reception with glass doors, is a 12-foot-high screen displaying the indoor and outdoor Air Quality Index (AQI): 13 and 139, respectively. "We use an advanced air purification system, which is installed on the terrace of the building. It pumps in purified air through a metal duct (from the dome of the building) to each floor of the school," a spokesperson of the school said. The system was installed in 2021.

Vardan Chitkara, a Class 12 student of the school, said his 10-year-old brother, who is asthmatic, studies in the same school. He said the family has one air purifier at home, but it was nothing compared to the system in school. "On highly polluted days, my brother finds it easier to breathe in school than at home," Chitkara said.

Like The Ardee School, many private schools in Delhi use different forms of air purification systems to shield students from the toxic air outside. In these schools, the annual tuition fee for a Class 10 student is somewhere between ₹7 lakh and ₹13 lakh or more. On hearing that private schools have centralised air purification systems or individual air purifiers while government schools, such as the one Singh attends, have no such systems, Kumar said it is naturally a problem. "But what can we do? This is how it will always be."

Paying a premium for clean air

Many such centralised clean air solutions have come up across the National Capital Region (NCR), where, every year, like clockwork, pollution spikes with the onset of winter. Over the years, increasing public concern over the air pollution crisis has pushed the Centre and the States surrounding Delhi to initiate a spate of legislative and policy measures. One of them is a Supreme Court-mandated Graded Response Action Plan, which classifies air quality, via an index, into four categories of toxicity: moderate to poor (201-300); very poor (301-400); severe (401-450), severe+ or emergency (450+). When the level of pollution worsens, government actions tend to become more stringent. These range from restrictions on movements of transport trucks to stopping construction activity, closing schools and placing curbs on passenger vehicles.

However, given that the sources of pollution are varied, the causes of bad air are not easily controlled. With the remedial measures failing to deliver a measurable improvement in air quality, some people in the city are attempting to insulate themselves from the pollution. While most people continue to breathe the foul air, those who have the resources have started to withdraw into 'air bubbles'. Sanitised bubbles, promising high quality air quality, are created by air-filtration systems installed in schools, clubs, gyms, office spaces, farmhouses, and flats. These systems cost anywhere between ₹1 and ₹1.6 lakh a room, are thus accessible only to the "super-rich". Companies which install these systems are seeing a steady growth in business.

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> **JAIDEEP AHUJA**
> MD and CEO, Ahuja Residency

Earlier this year, Ahuja Residency, a prominent builder in the NCR, launched a four-star boutique hotel in Gurugram that ticks every box of what constitutes a 'green building'. The hotel has a charging station for vehicles, a 33kVA solar photovoltaic and solar water heating system, energy-efficient lighting, a food waste composting machine installed for zero solid waste discharge, and rainwater harvesting. Large, flat-screen panels, displaying the levels of a range of pollutants, have been mounted on the sleek walls of the lobby. According to the display, the particulate matter and chemical concentrations are lower than the outside air at the nearby Aravali Biodiversity Park.

"We wanted to provide the best quality of air that we possibly could in this area," Jaideep Ahuja, MD and CEO, is heard saying in a promotional video. In the NCR, people are willing to pay a premium for clean air, said Ahuja. "In fact, the air quality we offer is our biggest selling point. That is why we have named the hotel AIR."

'Not exactly a mass solution'

Air filtration systems weave the ultimate bubble by sealing people off from the outside air and delivering a constant supply of oxygenated air. As opening windows – the traditional, free facilitators of fresh air – isn't always an option, companies such as BreatheEasy draw outside air via ducts by drilling a hole in the wall. This air is scrubbed clean of particulate matter, chemical reactants in the air, ozone, and several other chemicals via a filtration system. However, what still remains is carbon dioxide, from the people in the room. "Air that is brought in and cleaned by the system exerts a positive pressure and forces out stale air from under the doorways or other openings," said Barun Aggarwal, MD and CEO, BreatheEasy. "Most air purifiers only focus on particulate matter, but concentrations of carbon dioxide over 1,000 ppm (parts per million) are also harmful for health. In 10 years, I've only sold a few thousand systems. So, this is not exactly a mass solution," he said.

A practice session at BoulderBox, New Delhi. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

There are other problems too. Aggarwal recounted an experience with an installation at the residence of an industrialist. The AQI reading, which generally showed single digits, suddenly started to display unusually high readings one day. Aggarwal's technicians scanned every nook and corner and sat in the house for hours with sensors in every room. A few days later, they found the source: an insecticide which was being sprayed around the house to kill mosquitoes.

No home-filtration system can trap the chemicals in insecticides rapidly enough. There are filters to trap a wide variety of chemicals, but these increase costs and need to be replaced frequently and maintained, said Aggarwal. "We addressed the problem by changing the chemical spray. But even if you stay in the greenest localities, outside air is still bad."

On November 3, when the air quality of Delhi was 'severe', an Instagram post by BoulderBox, an indoor rock-climbing gym in south Delhi, asked cheekily: "Is Delhi taking your breath away?" This post was juxtaposed with a picture of a reading from an AQI monitor inside the gym, displaying an '89', even as the rest of Delhi tried to battle a '378'. This gym, too, boasts of a centralised filtration system. "We organise several birthday parties for children here. Clean air inside the gym is one of our selling points, particularly during winters," an employee said.

For Sudhir Pawar, 39, who has been climbing for more than five years, having an indoor gym with clean air helps. "Earlier I used to climb at IMF (Indian Mountaineering Foundation), an outdoor facility. But here, the facilities are better. Since there is air conditioning and clean air, I can climb for six hours while I used to be completely exhausted in just three hours at the IMF," he said. By his estimate, 20-30 fellow climbers at the IMF have moved to BoulderBox.

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> **DIVYA VAID**
> Assistant Professor, JNU

Yaduraj Bhageria, co-founder of BoulderBox, said the centre has tie-ups with two embassy schools. Many students whose parents work in embassies use this gym. "In India, polluted air has been normalised to a great extent. But for people who work in embassies, it is a big issue. So, clean air is a selling point with them," he said.

Business has been rising 40% to 50% annually for Jai Dhar Gupta, founder of Nirvana Being, which installed the system at The Ardee School. Gupta's company uses electronic air cleaners, each of which has a life of about 10 years, longer than the HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) filters used in home air purifiers. As they cannot be cleaned and must be replaced every few years, home air purifiers have shorter shelf lives. Many of Gupta's clients have children or older relatives with respiratory illnesses. "The business has grown as awareness about health and well-being has increased," he said.

But experts say that creating air bubbles will not solve the problem. "You cannot stay in such bubbles," said Anumita Roychowdhury, Executive Director of Research and Advocacy at the Centre for Science and Environment. "Also, only the rich can afford it. The solution has to be equitable, inclusive, and for everyone."

The most common shield

While air filtration systems may be the apex insulators, their prohibitive costs make them affordable only to a fraction of the people. The more common shield that Delhiites, and generally residents in cities across north India, use are air purifiers. These are compact, stand-alone boxes which contain stacks of filters that trap particulate matter and, depending on their cost, more chemical toxins, in the room where they are placed. Air purifiers can suck in particulate matter within a room, but they don't insulate people against the air that comes in from outside. This is why the air in the room isn't "fresh" and leads to rising levels of carbon dioxide, said Aggarwal. Starting at ₹10,000, air purifiers can cost up to ₹80,000 depending on the brand and the pollutants they can capture. Though cheaper than filtration systems, air purifiers are not also affordable to the vast majority.

On grey, windless days when the air quality is 'very poor' or 'severe', air purifiers offer comforting double-digit readings and a temporary reprieve from the outside. These purifiers are supplied by a growing list of consumer electronic goods companies. As per a 2021 estimate by BlueWeave Consulting, the India air purifier market was worth $74.8 million in 2020 and is projected to reach $565.7 million by 2027. BlueWeave Consulting attributes this to the "increasing prevalence of respiratory issues, surging disposable income, and growing urban population."

However, experts say this solution is quixotic and the problem can be fixed only through consistent public action addressing the sources of pollution. "Some, who have vulnerable people at home, have spent lakhs cleaning up a large indoor space. Few people are doing it scientifically and following through on the significant engineering demands this entails. The average person is just plonking a purifier and saying, 'This is done,'" said Karthik Ganesan of the Council on Energy, Environment and Water.

Whether purifiers are successful in fully decontaminating spaces is debatable. And even if they are, they offer limited reprieve. "Even if you install these sophisticated systems, you can stay indoors for 8-10 hours a day. But what if you have children who need to play? Whichever way you slice and dice the data on the steps taken to cut pollution at source, the last few years suggest that air quality improvement is, at best, stagnant," Ganesan said.

Air purifiers have now made their way even into cars. Automobile makers such as Hyundai, MG and Kia provide factory-fitted air purification systems in their vehicles, thus integrating commutes, a major source of exposure to polluted air, into the air bubble experience. And to ensure that children are not deprived of the benefits of playing outside, some private schools also have play areas for children with a dedicated purification system.

While relatively inexpensive water filters can insulate large sections of the population from impure water, bad air affects people across class. "Look at the hospital emergency rooms in winter and the profile of the people complaining about asthma and respiratory diseases," said Aarti Khosla, Director, Climate Trends. Khosla described a research experiment undertaken some years ago in Delhi where two schoolchildren – one rich and the other middle class – carried an air quality monitor to gauge their levels of average exposure through the day. "Overall, there wasn't a significant difference."

However, Divya Vaid, Assistant Professor at the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, warned that this fight for clean air, which has become a resource, will accentuate the class divide. "There is research that shows that air pollution is more in places in Delhi where the population density is higher and where mostly people from lower economic strata live. The same goes for water. A slum won't have clean water. These air bubbles will deepen this class divide."

Vaid's home has air purifiers, her child's school has air purifiers, but her office does not. "So, you could say I don't have a 'full bubble'. But some people do have a 'full bubble'. It is dystopian, isn't it?"

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Some countries support terror as a policy: Modi

"It is significant that this conference is happening in India. Our country faced the horrors of terror long before the world took serious note of it. Over the decades, terrorism in different names and forms tried to hurt India. We lost thousands of precious lives, but we have fought terrorism bravely," Mr. Modi said.

He stated that India considers that "even a single attack is one too many and even a single life lost is one too many", adding that "we will not rest till terrorism is uprooted."

"Sometimes, there are indirect arguments made in support of terrorism to block action against terrorists. There is no place for an ambiguous approach while dealing with a global threat. It is an attack on humanity, freedom and civilisation. It knows no boundaries. Only a uniform, unified and zero-tolerance approach can defeat terrorism," he said.

"A terrorist is an individual. But the act of terrorism is about a network of individuals and terrorist organisations. Uprooting terrorism needs a larger proactive response. If we want our citizens to be safe, then we cannot wait until terror comes to our homes. We must pursue terrorists, break their support networks and hit their finances," he said.

One of the sources of terror funding is that organised crime and the gangs often have deep links with terrorist outfits, said the Prime Minister, adding that the money made in gun-running, drugs and smuggling is pumped into terrorism.

The Prime Minister said that rapidly advancing technology is both a challenge and a solution.

Draft digital data protection Bill tabled

The new Bill proposes to impose a penalty of ₹10,000 on individuals providing unverifiable or false information while applying for any document, service, proof of identity or address, or registering a false or frivolous complaint with a Data Fiduciary (who collects and processes the data) or with the Board.

The government, which is hopeful of introducing the Bill in the Budget session of Parliament in February 2023, has introduced the concept of 'Consent Managers' in the Bill. Pointing out that it is not always possible to keep track of the instances in which one has given consent to the processing of personal data, the government said that a consent manager platform will enable an individual to have a comprehensive view of her interactions with Data Fiduciaries and the consent given to them.

Consent of individual

The Bill requires the consent of the individual to be the basis for processing of their personal data, except in certain circumstances where seeking the consent of the Data Principal is "impracticable or inadvisable due to pressing concerns". Every request for consent will need to be presented to the Data Principal in a clear and plain language, and an option to access such a request for consent in English or any language specified in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution of India.

The Data Principal shall have the right to withdraw her consent at any time, the Bill stated. Data Fiduciaries collecting personal data from individuals will need to provide "itemised notice" in clear and plain language containing a description of personal data sought and the purpose of processing of such personal data.

The Bill also gives the power to the government to offer exemption from its provisions "in the interests of sovereignty and integrity of India" and to maintain public order. While the earlier version of the draft Bill had recommended that a Data Protection Authority be set up to prevent misuse of personal information, the revised Bill has proposed a Data Protection Board of India which will be notified by the Central government.

SC refuses plea against Navlakha's house arrest

Instead, they said, the building was an "office" of the Communist Party.

They said that a recce by the NIA revealed a "kitchen door" leading outside and a collapsible grill door. They even revealed that karate classes were held on the terrace where "fit people" attend and could pose a security threat to the police guard. They also said a CCTV camera was not put up in one of the entrances to the house arrest premises.

The court said the kitchen door should be locked and sealed. The NIA could also lock the grill exit and keep the key with it.

The Solicitor General said though all were to be treated equal under Article 14, "some were more equal". He said there were other inmates in Taloja of Mr. Navlakha's age and ailments, and they were treated by the jail.

The court said it would take a serious view if the NIA was "trying to find a loophole to defy the court's order".

Senior advocate Nitya Ramakrishnan, for Mr. Navlakha, said her client was neither a "Houdini" nor a "trapeze artist" to squeeze his way out through a two-inch grill door. She said Mr. Navlakha was not a resident of Mumbai and the facility, which was used as a residential unit, had been open to them.

'Al Qaeda, IS emerged as major challenges post regime change'

Without naming Afghanistan or its rulers, Amit Shah flags new equations in South Asia and the growing influence of terrorist organisations in the region; he also warns that financing of terror weakens the economy of countries

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Productive talks: Amit Shah with Home Minister of Bangladesh Asaduzzaman Khan during a meeting in New Delhi on Friday. PTI

The growing influence of Al Qaeda and the Islamic State has emerged as major security challenge after the regime change in South Asia in 2021, Home Minister Amit Shah said at an international conference on terror financing on Friday, without specifically mentioning the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan.

Highlighting another aspect of security challenges in the region, Mr. Shah met his Bangladeshi counterpart on the sidelines of the conference and raised the issue of attacks on temples and Hindu minority community in that country, according to a government official.

In its official statement on Mr. Shah's meeting with Bangladeshi Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said that "both sides had productive exchanges on border management and common security-related issues." Mr. Shah also met Ministers from Ethiopia and Maldives on the sidelines of the conference.

At the third "No Money for Terror" conference, Mr. Shah chaired the session on "Global Trends in Terrorist Financing and Terrorism", attended by Ministers from 20 countries and representatives of 72 countries and multilateral bodies.

'No link to religion'

Addressing the conference, Mr. Shah emphasised that the threat of terrorism cannot and should not be linked to any religion, nationality, or group.

The Home Minister said that after August 2021, the situation in the South Asian region has changed. Without naming Afghanistan or its new rulers, Mr. Shah identified the regime change and the growing influence of terrorist organisations as major challenges in the region, adding that these new equations have made the problem of terror financing more serious.

"Three decades ago, the whole world has had to bear the serious consequences of one such regime change, the result of which we all have seen in the horrific attack of 9/11. In this background, last year's changes in South Asian region are a matter of concern for all of us. Along with Al Qaeda, organisations in South Asia like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed continue to spread terror," he said.

Mr. Shah said that terrorists' safe havens or their resources should never be ignored and double-speak of such elements who sponsor and support them should be exposed. "Unfortunately, there are countries that seek to undermine, or even hinder our collective resolve to fight terrorism. We have seen that some countries protect terrorists. Protecting a terrorist is equivalent to promoting terrorism," said Mr. Shah.

"Therefore, it is important that this conference, the participating countries and the organisations should not take a selective or complacent perspective of the challenges of this region," he added.

Mr. Shah said that the financing of terrorism is more dangerous than terrorism itself, because the "means and methods" of terrorism are nurtured from such funding. Furthermore, the financing of terrorism weakens the economy of countries.

"India condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and we believe that no reason can justify an act, such as taking innocent lives," the Home Minister said.

Reiterating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's statement earlier in the day, Mr. Shah said that India has been, for several decades, a victim of terrorism sponsored from across the border.

The Minister said that India has strengthened the fight against terrorism and its financing by amending the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), strengthening the National Investigation Agency (NIA), and giving a new direction to financial intelligence.

He stated that it is the result of such continuous efforts that terrorist incidents in India have come down drastically, which in turn, has also resulted in a drastic reduction in the economic losses caused by terrorism.

Dynamite to Metaverse

Terrorist groups understand the nuances of modern weapons and information technology, and the dynamics of the cyber and financial space very well, and use them, said the Home Minister. He said that this transformation of terrorism from "dynamite to Metaverse" and "AK-47 to virtual assets" is definitely a matter of concern for the countries, and a common strategy is required to fight it.

Mr. Shah said that although significant progress has been made to confront terrorism by fortifying the security architecture, legal and financial systems, "terrorists are finding new ways to carry out violence, radicalise youth and raise financial resources."

The emerging trends of the illegal trade of narcotics and the challenge of narco-terror have given a new dimension to terror financing, he said.

In view of this, there is a need for close cooperation among all nations, he said, pointing out that virtual assets are being used by terrorists for financial transactions. To crack down on the use of virtual asset channels, funding infrastructure and the dark net, a "robust and efficient operational system" is required, he added.

Draft data protection Bill uses 'she', 'her' to refer to all individuals

Yuthika Bhargava
NEW DELHI

In a first, the draft Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022, released on Friday, has used the pronouns 'she' and 'her' to refer to all individuals, as against the use of 'he', 'him' and 'his'.

In line with the "philosophy of women's empowerment that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government works, [we have attempted] to use the words she and her in the entire Bill, instead of he, him and his. So this is an innovative thing which has been attempted in the Bill," Minister of Electronics and IT Ashiwini Vaishnaw said.

More than three months after the personal data protection Bill was withdrawn from Parliament, the government released the revised draft Bill for stakeholder consultation on Friday.

'Language kept simple'

The government also said that to enable all citizens to understand the provisions, the Bill had been drafted in a plain and simple language.

This is the second such attempt after the draft Indian Telecommunication Act 2022, released in September this year, to draft a Bill in a manner so that "any citizen is able to understand its provisions". The explanatory note states that "Comprehensibility of law for citizens is a desirable goal".

CMA National Online Business Quiz all set to be held tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The finals of the CMA National Online Business Quiz conducted by The Institute of Cost Accountants of India in association with *The Hindu* will be held on November 20, Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

The online quiz witnessed participation from over 2,600 students in the preliminary round; of this, 183 were chosen for the second qualifying round.

In the finals, eight persons from across the country will participate.

To watch the grand finale live, visit bit.ly/ICAITHG or scan the QR code. This is an initiative of the Directorate of Studies and the Board of Advanced Studies and Research.

SC rejects petition to create independent environment service

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to intervene and direct the government to create an independent Indian Environment Service within the All India Service cadre.

A Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul declined a petition by advocate Samar Vijay Singh for a specialised environment service along the lines of one recommended in the T.S.R. Subramanian Committee report in 2014.

The petitioner said the petition should be viewed in light of the larger issue of curbing environmental degradation. He submitted that even the National Green Tribunal (NGT) had suggested the formation of a specialised all-India service.

Perusing government records, the court pointed out that the Centre has already responded that it would not be taking any steps forward in this regard. At one point, the court said that "political activity" should be done outside the courtroom and not inside.

INBRIEF

'Overwhelmed by people's happiness in changed J&K'

Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju on Friday said he was overwhelmed by people's happiness in a changed Jammu and Kashmir during his ongoing visit, as he announced the setting up of special fast track courts for trial of heinous crimes against women and children in the Union Territory (UT). The Minister attended a legal services camp organised for the Schedule Tribes (STs) and other weaker sections of society at Hardu Kichroo Village in Anantnag district. The Minister said under the guidance of PM Modi, the UT was on a rapid path of development.

SC judge recuses himself from hearing plea on ED director

Supreme Court judge, Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, on Friday recused himself from hearing a series of petitions challenging the "piecemeal" one-year extension in service the government is granting Directorate of Enforcement (ED) Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra. The case was referred back to the Chief Justice of India for listing it before another Bench of the court. The case had come up before a Bench of Justices Kaul and A.S. Oka, a day after the Centre had given the 1984-batch Indian Revenue Service officer his third extension. He is expected to continue till November 18, 2023.

SC rejects plea for preparing 'population explosion' report

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a plea to direct the Law Commission of India to prepare a report on population "explosion" and the feasibility of having a population control law. A Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul said the subject lay solely within the domain of the government and noted "there is a declining population". The court said there were several issues to consider and the court could not get into it. In its reply, the government said it could not coerce couples into having a "certain number of children".

NC to see a churn as Farooq may step down

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

The workers of National Conference witnessed a political drama over reports of the resignation of Farooq Abdullah, 85, as party president on Friday.

A party spokesperson said Dr. Abdullah had informed his colleagues of the move and "in spite of the best efforts of senior colleagues, Dr. Sahib was adamant that he wouldn't review his decision."

However, Dr. Abdullah's statement did not reflect that he was "adamant" on stepping down. "I am still the party chief till elections and till someone else is ready to take the responsibilities of this post," Dr. Abdullah said, in response to the NC statement.

With no consensus yet, COP-27 extended by a day

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The 10-page document reaffirmed a commitment to ensure that the rise in temperature does not go beyond 2 degree Celsius

With countries unable to arrive at a consensus, the 27th edition of the United Nations Conference of Parties (COP) in Sharm el-Sheikh, which was scheduled to end on Friday, has been extended by a day.

"The COP was supposed to wrap up its work today but has been extended by a day to attempt to take the ongoing negotiations to a logical end. Consensus is key on several issues and the extension is an attempt towards achieving it," Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said in a blog late on Friday. It isn't unusual for COP meetings to be extended by a day or more. As of Friday evening India time, three and a half hours ahead of Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, members were still deliberating on a draft agreement that was uploaded to the official COP-27 website on Friday afternoon (IST).

The 10-page document reaffirmed a commitment to the Paris Agreement of 2015, to ensure that the rise in temperatures does not exceed 2 degree Celsius, and as far as possible, stayed within a 1.5 degree Celsius increase. Achieving this, the document said, required "immediate, deep and sustained reductions in global greenhouse gas emissions" as well as "accelerated financial support for developing countries from developed countries."

The draft text calls on countries to accelerate clean energy transitions, phase down "unabated" coal use, and phase out "inefficient fuel subsidies." In 2021, India fought to ensure that the text adopted at the last COP in Glasgow altered 'phase out' to 'phase down' with regard to the use of coal.

The draft also calls for a "roadmap" to double adaptation finance by 2025 to $40 billion. This refers to money made available to developing countries and those most vulnerable to climate vagaries to build defences against future climate threats.

INBRIEF

EC relieves U.P. IAS officer from poll observer duty

Taking "a very serious view" of what it termed a "publicity stunt", the Election Commission of India (EC) on Friday directed the Gujarat Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) to immediately relieve an Uttar Pradesh-cadre IAS officer from the post of General Observer for the upcoming Assembly elections. Abhishek Singh, a 2011-batch officer, was relieved for posting multiple pictures where he can be seen posing in front of an official vehicle bearing a plaque declaring his status as General Observer on his Instagram account. Mr. Singh was directed to "immediately" leave the poll-bound State and report to his parent cadre.

AIMIM fields 14 candidates for Gujarat Assembly polls

The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) on Friday announced the names of 14 candidates for the Gujarat Assembly election, which is scheduled next month. AIMIM Gujarat unit president Sabir Kabliwala tweeted the names of the candidates. Mr. Kabliwala, a former MLA, expressed confidence that the party's candidates would win with a "good margin". Meanwhile, a team of AIMIM corporators, including Mohammed Naseeruddin and Fahad bin Abdul Samad Abdaat, from Hyderabad reached Gujarat and interacted with party workers and candidates there.

Dynasty rules on both sides of Gujarat politics in ticket choice

Despite the PM's strictures against nepotism, his party in his native State has imported dynasts from the Opposition Congress to field them in the upcoming Assembly election; about 50 candidates across parties have family connections

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

Nepotism and dynasty are thriving in Gujarat, with both the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress party liberally fielding candidates related to political functionaries and leaders in the upcoming State Assembly polls.

In over 50 out of the 182 constituencies, candidates who have political leaders in their immediate family are on the ballot.

This comes just months after PM Narendra Modi slammed the prevalence of dynasties and nepotism in politics in his Independence Day speech from the ramparts of Red Fort. Warning that it shackled not only politics but also other institutions and spheres, he exhorted people to defeat the menace of nepotism that also breeds corruption.

In Gujarat, there are several cases where the ruling BJP has even imported dynasts from the Opposition party to take on the Congress in certain strong pockets held by the Congress.

Poll fervour: Gujarat is seeing hectic campaigning by all parties as the date for the first phase of election draws closer. VIJAY SONEJI

For example, the ruling BJP has fielded Yogendrasinh Parmar, son of former Congress MLA Ramsinh Parmar from Thasra in central Gujarat. A veteran leader in the cooperative sector, the senior Mr. Parmar was a multiple term Congress MLA who had defected to the BJP in 2017 and lost.

In the Chhota Udepur seat reserved for Scheduled Tribe communities, the BJP has fielded Rajendrasinh Rathwa, whose father Mohansinh Rathwa, Gujarat's senior-most legislator, recently defected to the ruling party after being miffed with Congress for not agreeing to field his son. Interestingly, the Congress candidate from the seat is Sangramsinh Rathwa, whose father is sitting Rajya Sabha member and former Union Minister Naran Rathwa.

In Saurashtra, the BJP has recently inducted sitting Congress MLA Bhaga Barad and fielded him from his Talala seat. Mr. Barad comes from a political family and his late brother was a Congress veteran, who was a Minister and MP from Junagadh. Talala's neighbouring seat is Veraval, from where the party has fielded Mansinh Parmar, nephew of Govind Parmar, former MLA and a senior player in the cooperative sector in the State. Another seat in the same region is Manavadar where the BJP candidate is Jawahar Chavda, another Congress veteran who had jumped to the ruling party in 2019. His father Pethalji Chavda was a known political figure apart from being a mining baron in the region.

The Deesa seat in Banaskantha is also witnessing a contest between two dynasts. Congress candidate Sanjay Desai or Rabari is the son of former three-time MLA Govabhai Desai. The BJP candidate is Pravin Mali, whose father was also a legislator and Minister in the Gujarat government.

Another interesting feature about the flourishing nepotism is that spouses are also making way for each other. In the Gondal seat, sitting legislator Gitaba Jadeja is the wife of former legislator Jayrajsinh Jadeja. He was implicated in a murder case so the party fielded his wife in 2017 and has repeated her this time. In the Bhavnagar East seat, the BJP fielded Sejalben Pandya, whose husband Rajiv Pandya is the Bhavnagar city BJP president. Leaders of both parties contend that the candidate selection is based on several factors with winnability being the main factor. "It is easy to criticise any XYZ candidate as a dynast but we all have to remember that they are also elected by the people," a BJP leader said. A former Congress legislator said that a number of factors played a role in selection of the candidates.

Earlier, the Congress party in Gujarat was accused of promoting dynasty as its top leaders such as Bharatsinh Solanki, Siddharth Patel, Shaktisinh Gohil or Tushar Chaudhary all hailed from political families.

Sale of first set of poll bonds illegal, says RTI activist

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The recent amendment to the Electoral Bond Scheme, 2018, was conceived nearly 20 months ago in March 2021 and the sale of the first tranche of electoral bonds was "illegal", according to the Right to Information (RTI) replies on the matter received by transparency activist Commodore (retired) Lokesh Batra.

On the basis of RTI replies received by him from the Ministry of Finance, among others, Commodore Batra contended that the sale of the first tranche of electoral bonds from March 1 to 10, 2018, was in violation of the scheme as notified on January 2 that year. Introducing the scheme as a means 'to cleanse the system of political funding in the country', the Finance Ministry had stated that electoral bonds would be available for a period of 10 days each in January, April, July and October, as per specification by the Central government. An additional period of 30 days, however, could be specified by the Centre in years of general elections to the House of People or the Lok Sabha.

Sanjay Raut warns of cracks in MVA over Rahul's remarks on Savarkar

Shoumojit Banerjee
PUNE

Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi's latest attack on Hindutva ideologue V. D. Savarkar may have pushed the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance on the brink, with several leaders of the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena faction publicly questioning the need to continue with the MVA in whch the Congress is a constituent along with the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).

Thackeray loyalist and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut, censured Mr. Gandhi and called his remarks as "unwarranted" and "embarrassing" that could have a possible impact on the MVA.

Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh, however, tried to play it down by claiming that the Savarkar row merely reflected the different perspectives of two ideologically opposed allies, the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray faction) and the Congress.

The issue also saw competitive politics as a member of Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena faction filed a police complaint against Mr. Gandhi for making derogatory remarks against the Hindutva ideologue.

Row over Savarkar: Protests were staged in Thane against Rahul Gandhi over his comments on Savarkar. PTI

With the Uddhav faction reeling under the BJP's taunts of having forsaken (Sena founder) Bal Thackeray's 'Hindutva' ideals, Mr. Raut categorically stated that the Shiv Sena (UBT) would never tolerate any defamatory remarks against V.D. Savarkar while stating there had been no reason for Mr. Gandhi to speak against Savarkar when his 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' was doing so well. "At a time when Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra has been getting enthusiastic response across the country, especially in Maharashtra, there was no reason for him to rake up the issue of Savarkar. It has come as a jolt not just to us but the Congress leaders in Maharashtra have received a setback. His [Rahul's] remarks have proved embarrassing for them as well," said the Rajya Sabha MP.

'Different ideologies'

Soon after Mr. Raut's remarks, Mr. Ramesh said press conference in Buldhana that he had a long conversation with the Sena MP and that Mr. Raut had refuted suggestions that his remarks (on Mr. Gandhi) would weaken the MVA. "These [Savarkar and Mahatma Gandhi] are historical personalities and there are differences in perspective and opinions in matters of history... I had a long talk with my friend Mr. Raut, who has a completely different view on V.D. Savarkar. We agreed to disagree. But Mr. Raut has refuted the impression that the issue will weaken the MVA. It has nothing to do with MVA," Mr. Ramesh said.

Stating that the Sena and the Congress have long held different perspectives on the Savarkar issue, Mr. Ramesh, taking a jibe at the BJP said: "The Congress, unlike the BJP, does not believe in distorting, rewriting or reinventing history."

"The MVA was formed only three years ago and both Shiv Sena and the Congress were political opponents before that. We came together over a common minimum programme," said Mr. Ramesh.

Gujarat election: 788 in fray for first phase

Press Trust of India
AHMEDABAD

A total of 788 candidates, including 70 women, remain in the fray for the first phase of the Gujarat Assembly polls for 89 seats on December 1 after the culmination of process of scrutiny of nomination papers and withdrawal of candidature, officials said on Friday. These include candidates from 39 parties and 339 independents, a release from the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) for Gujarat informed.

While the BJP and the Congress have fielded their candidates on all the 89 seats, the AAP will fight on 88 seats and the Bahujan Samaj Party on 57.

In all 1,362 candidates had filed their papers for the 89 seats, which went down to 999 after scrutiny on November 15, and dipped further to 788 on November 17, which was the last date to withdraw nominations. The Election Commission has received 1,515 nomination papers for the 93 seats that will go to polls in the second phase on December 5.

Police plaint filed against Rahul Gandhi

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

A police complaint has been filed against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for allegedly making derogatory remarks against right wing ideologue V.D. Savarkar during the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

A non-cognisable offence has been registered against Mr. Gandhi under Section 500 (defamation) and 501 (printing or engraving matter knowing it to be defamatory) of the Indian Penal Code, after a complaint was filed by a member of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena, Vandana Dongre.

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6th Floor, 2nd Stage, M.S. Building,
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Selection of Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka Samskrita Vishwavidyalaya
Invitation of Applications for the Post of Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka Samskrita Vishwavidyalaya, Bengaluru as per Section 12 of Karnataka Samskrita Vishwavidyalaya Act, 2009.
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Sd/- Principal Secretary to Govt.
Department of Higher Education
DIPR/CP/JA/3123/2022-23

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Name of Works : (1) Construction of Balance 3rd Floor at West side, Modernisation of Labs, Construction of New Library and Indoor games buildings at SGS Arts college, Tirupati. **Amt. 590 Lakhs,** Time for Completion : 12 Months **(2)** Construction of Additional PAC on backside of Govardhan Choultry at Tirumala. **Amt: 9800 Lakhs.** Time for Completion : 18 Months. Note : for full details log on to the website: **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in/ or http://www.apeprocurement.gov.in/**
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No. 55, Abhaya Complex, Risaldar Street, Seshadripuram,BENGALURU-560 020. Ph.:080-23460085
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The Karnataka Slum Development Board (KSDB) Bengaluru invites item rate tenders for the work of **Providing Basic Amenities (CC Road, Drain and other Infra works) to Asharaya Colony Layout of Sy. No. 72 & 73 of Jafrabad Town and Asharaya Colony Layout of Sy. No.6 of Pallapur Town, Kalaburagi Dist. under KKRDB Regional Fund Action Plan for the year 2022-23** from the eligible class-1 registered KPWD/CPWD contractors.

Calendar of Events	
Time and Date of Pre Bid Conference	**25/11/2022 at 11:00 AM**
Last Date and Time for receipt of Tenders in Portal	**28/11/2022 upto 05:00 PM**
Time and Date of Opening of Tender Documents (Qualification Information)	**30/11/2022 at 11:00 AM**
Time and Date of Opening of Financial Bid	Time and Date will be Intimated for the eligible bidders
Place of Receiving and Opening of Tender Documents	Office of the Chief Engineer Karnataka Slum Development Board #55, 1st Floor Abhaya Complex, Risaldar Street Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020 Phone: +91 80 23564651, 23462436. Email id: ksdbtd2@gmail.com Web Site https://karunadu.karnataka.gov.in/ksdb

If there are any changes to the above notification, it will be published in e-procurement portal only. Tender Documents, schedule, specifications are available on the website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Tender form fees & EMD details are available on the e-procurement portal. EMD and tender processing fees shall be paid using e-procurement payment modes only. Tender application must be accompanied by earnest money deposit specified for the works and shall have to be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of tender date.
Sd/-Commissioner,
DIPR/CP/JA/3136/2022-23 Karnataka Slum Development Board, Bengaluru

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INBRIEF

Mumbai court grants bail to Sachin Vaze in PMLA case

A special court in Mumbai on Friday granted bail to dismissed Mumbai police officer Sachin Vaze in a money laundering case against former Home Minister of Maharashtra Anil Deshmukh. A special judge for PMLA cases, R.N. Rokade, granted him bail. However, Mr. Vaze will not be walking out of the Taloja Central jail as he is an accused in the bomb scare case near businessman Mukesh Ambani's residence and the subsequent murder of businessman Mansukh Hiran. The court had allowed his second bail petition on the grounds that he was never arrested in the case under PMLA and that Mr. Deshmukh had also been granted bail by the Bombay High Court on October 4.

Benches to finish pending bail pleas before Christmas: CJI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Friday pressed the accelerator on hearing and disposing off pending pleas for bail and transfer petitions in the Supreme Court. The Chief Justice said that every one of the 13 Benches of the court would hear 10 cases each of bail and transfer petitions first thing every morning and finish off their pendency before Christmas holidays start in December. "There are around 3,000 transfer petitions pending here. Every one of the 13 Benches will take up 10 transfer petitions everyday. They will deal with 650 petitions every week. In five weeks, all the transfer petitions will be over," the CJI said.

HC defers hearing on plea for inspection of 1978 DU records

The Delhi High Court will hear a plea related to disclosure of details of Delhi University's records of the students who had passed the Bachelor of Arts course in 1978, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also cleared the exam, under the RTI Act for May 3, 2023. Justice Yashwant Varma, in the order passed on November 15, said that no one appeared for DU and adjourned the hearing. The High Court was hearing a petition by the DU, challenging a Central Information Commission (CIC) December 21, 2016 order allowing RTI activist Neeraj to inspect records of those who had passed Bachelor of Arts in 1978.

12 killed as vehicle falls into gorge in Uttarakhand

Twelve people, including two women, were killed and three injured as an SUV fell into a deep gorge in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand on Friday, the State Disaster Response Force said. The vehicle carrying 17 passengers fell into the gorge at around 4 pm. The passengers were on their way to Palla Jakhol village from Joshimath when the accident occurred, Chamoli SP Pramendra Dobhal said. The SDRF has recovered all the 12 bodies. The vehicle is said to have been overloaded with some occupants also sitting on its roof. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami expressed announced an ex gratia of ₹2 lakh each to the next of those killed. PTI

Anand Teltumbde gets bail in Bhima Koregaon case

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Anand Teltumbde

The Bombay High Court on Friday granted bail to Prof. Anand Teltumbde, an accused in the Bhima Koregaon caste violence case of 2018.

A Bench of Justices A.S. Gadkari and Milind Jadhav granted bail on the execution of a bond worth ₹1 lakh and two sureties of ₹2 lakh. The Bench, however, stayed its order for a week after the National Investigation Agency (NIA) urged the court to do so in order to appeal against the verdict before the Supreme Court.

The court noted, "*Prima facie*, the only case made out against him relates to alleged association with a terror outfit and support given to it, for which the maximum punishment is 10 years in jail and he has already spent more than two years in prison."

The court observed, "Offences under section 13 (punishment for unlawful activities), section 16 (punishment for terrorist act) and section 18 (punishment for conspiracy) were not made out and only offences under section 38 and 39 (relating to the membership and support of a terrorist organisation) were made out under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act [UAPA]."

Dr. Teltumbde had surrendered before the NIA office in Mumbai on April 14, 2020, after the Supreme Court denied him relief.

He is now lodged at the Taloja Central Jail and faces charges under several sections of the Indian Penal Code and UAPA.

Dr. Teltumbde and 15 others were booked by Pune Police and an offence was registered on January 8, 2018, alleging that they spread hatred through provocative songs, plays and speeches at Shaniwar Wada on December 31, 2017, which led to violence the next day (January 1, 2018) at Bhima-Koregaon.

Modi to inaugurate Kashi-Tamil meet in Varanasi today

The 30-day event will give a glimpse of Dravidian culture and the cuisine and music of Tamil Nadu to the people of Uttar Pradesh

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally inaugurate the month-long Kashi-Tamil Sangamam in Varanasi on Saturday. The 30-day event aimed at rediscovering centuries-old bond of knowledge and ancient civilisational linkage between the country's north and south will give a glimpse of the Dravidian culture and the cuisine and music of Tamil Nadu to the people of Uttar Pradesh.

After the inauguration, around 2,500 to 3,000 people from Tamil Nadu are expected to reach Varanasi in 12 different groups. During their eight-day itinerary, including two days of travel from Tamil Nadu to Varanasi, each group will stay in Varanasi for two days and visit Hanuman Ghat, which is famous for Ganga Snan; Subrahmanya Bharti's residence; Kashi Vishwanath Temple; Sarnath Archaeological site and museum; Ganga Aarti; and also take a boat tour of the 84 ghats. A trip to Prayagraj and Ayodhya is also proposed.

Celebration of cultures: A Ganga Aarti being performed with 1,001 lamps donated by Kashi-Tamil Sangamam, in Varanasi on Friday. PTI

The stays of the groups in Varanasi have been scheduled. The group of students will stay on November 19 and 20, the handicraftsmen's group on 22nd and 23rd, the litterateurs on 23rd and 24th, people associated with spirituality on 26th and 27th, businessmen on November 30 and December 1, those associated with the field of education on December 2 and 3, those associated with heritage on 4th and 5th, new entrepreneurs on 7th and 8th, and professionals on 8th and 9th. Besides, a team of temple priests and *mahants* will join the Sangamam on December 10 and 11, and will be followed by rural farmers on December 13 and 14 and cultural workers on 15th and 16th.

Apart from this, 75 stalls showcasing the cultural diversity of Tamil Nadu are being put out at BHU. The stalls will display the products, handicrafts and handlooms of Tamil Nadu.

Sangamam a celebration of philosophical unity: Minister

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan met Tamil poet Subramania Bharathi's family in Varanasi ahead of the 30-day Kashi-Tamil Sangamam to be launched on Saturday.

Mr. Pradhan met the 96-year-old nephew of the legendary poet, K.V. Krishnan, along with his family.

"Subramania Bharathiyar's ideals on social justice and women empowerment is more relevant now than ever. Kashi had a profound influence on shaping Bharathiyar's personality. Kashi-Tamil Sangamam celebrates the philosophical unity and commonality between our two great cultures. A phenomenon, Mahakavi will forever be an inspiration for next generations," the Minister said in a series of tweets.

The Minister also held meetings with Minister of Railways, Governor of Tamil Nadu and other key stakeholders ahead of the launch.

The Kashi-Tamil Sangamam is being organised by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with other various Ministries, including Culture Ministry, Textile Ministry, Railways, Tourism.

Agnipath scheme: HC to hear pleas on December 12

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday said it will first hear the petitions challenging the Centre's Agnipath scheme and then decide the remaining plea concerning the recruitment processes for the armed forces under previous advertisements. A Bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Subramonium Prasad posted the hearing on the pleas challenging the scheme on December 12.

"We will first hear the Agniveer matter. The core issue here is Agniveer... If this issue is decided this way or that way, it will have some bearing on other cases," the Bench said. It said the Centre's reply is restricted only to the scheme and does not deal with other pleas.

India and Russia agree to deepen cooperation on counter-terrorism at UN

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

Ahead of India's presidency of the UN Security Council in December, India and Russia agreed to "deepen cooperation" on counter-terrorism issues and "enhance bilateral coordination" at the United Nations, statements issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs said.

The statements followed talks between Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Vershinin and Secretary (West) Sanjay Verma in New Delhi, and come four days after India abstained from yet another vote at the UN General Assembly that called for reparations to be paid by Russia for the war in Ukraine.

> The consultations reaffirmed mutual commitment to further strengthen bilateral coordination
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> **STATEMENT ISSUED IN MOSCOW**

"The consultations reaffirmed mutual commitment to further strengthen bilateral coordination and constructive cooperation at the UN platform on the basis of its Charter and in line with the special and privileged strategic partnership between Moscow and New Delhi," a statement issued in Moscow said after the talks, adding that they had discussed the situation in Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Myanmar, and conflict on the Armenia-Azerbaijan border.

The two sides also discussed India's presidency of the UNSC in the month of December, which will be India's last month in the UNSC. Among other events, India plans to chair a special briefing on challenges to the global counter-terrorism architecture on December 15, and Mr. Verma briefed Mr. Vershinin on India's "priorities" during the month, the MEA said.

"Both sides held wide-ranging discussions on issues on the UN Security Council agenda and recent developments. They agreed to deepen cooperation on counter-terrorism at UN and other multilateral platforms," the MEA statement added.

Girls being forced into prostitution in Rajasthan, says NCW

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The NCW report says the district administration and police have failed to address the issue

The National Commission for Women (NCW) on Friday said that young girls were being forced into prostitution in numerous districts of Rajasthan like Bhilwara and Bharatpur and asked the Centre to constitute a Special Investigative Team (SIT) to investigate the matter.

Rajasthan had emerged both as a source and a destination for the trafficking of women and girls for sexual exploitation and prostitution, the NCW said in a report submitted by a two-member fact-finding committee. The commission had taken cognisance of a media report that in Bhilwara, conflicts over loan repayments were resolved by auctioning off young women on stamp papers.

The NCW report said that a visit to the communities provides further evidence that child marriages are still common in the State. "The district administration and police are totally in denial and have failed to address the issue," the report added. "It was observed that every family had six to nine minor girls living under one roof and these girls were unable to tell their relationship with others in the family. In order to establish the relationship, DNA tests on young girls and their respective families must be performed," it said.

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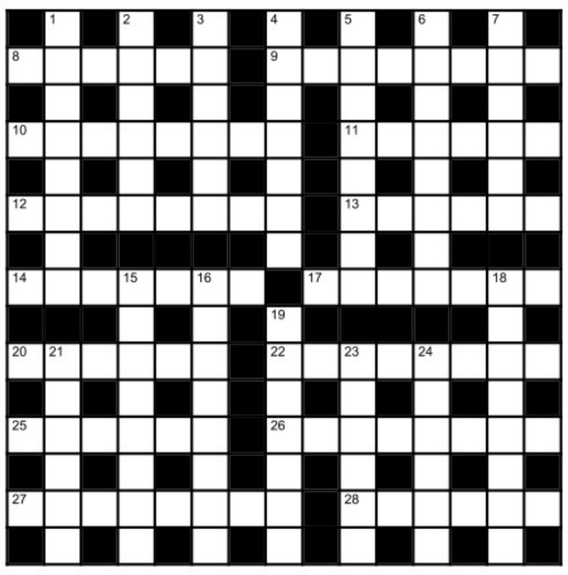

Across

8 Say, speaker's measure is inadequate concerning opposition leader (6)
9 Sort of give ten takas primarily for the drawing (8)
10 Armed ships' crew replaced for a woman (3-2-3)
11 Mother's away to invite Hindu leader, a tamer (6)
12 Condition for returning assistance; accept English soldiers by end of August (8)
13 Didn't wish Newton? Bad reporter (6)
14 Can a king's enemy pitilessly appropriate nation's leaders and vessel (7)
17 Censure auditor having a cocktail & some enchiladas and a dish (7)
20 Almost decides to heat and unfreeze (2-4)
22 Attempt to follow a right individual with special skill (8)
25 Idiot of a Greek character with power; has treasure (6)
26 Surpass in workout classically (8)
27 Re-ad medical officer's note again (4,4)
28 Reach old canopy (6)

Down

1 Strangers kidnap canine and are returning with the rest (2,6)
2 Track has little opening leading into the wood (6)
3 Disappear with daughter taking comedian's bird (6)
4 Set out to cycle on surface (7)
5 Say, country's excellent in retort, has no thought for others (8)
6 Pharmaceutical formulation to relieve trauma related to the head (8)
7 Adapt a leading Tamil song (6)
15 Encrypt epic with new hero sacrificing nothing strangely (8)
16 Hearing out and performing with two individuals (8)
18 Keen about buying flower and fuel... (8)
19 ...gutted angry girlfriend outside on a break (7)
21 'Dancing Queen'? It primarily would relate to a horse (6)
23 Laugh at losing weight in social media platform (6)
24 Bow? Instrument only has small arc at the top in the front (6)

SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Dhvaya mantra, the gem

Kooratazhvan's eyesight was lost due to the fanaticism of a king. The person responsible for provoking the king to commit this heinous act was Naalooraan. Ramanujacharya, the preceptor of Kooratazhvan, wanted him to sing in praise of Lord Varadaraja of Kanchi. Ramanuja's hope was that Kooratazhvan would ask for his sight to be restored. Kooratazhvan sang Varadaraja Stava in praise of Lord Varadaraja, said Kazhiyur B. Devarajan, in a discourse. But instead of asking for restoration of his eyesight, Kooratazhvan prayed that his eyes should see nothing but the Lord and his Acharya.

Three mantras are important for Sri Vaishnavas – ashtakshara, dhvaya and charama sloka. Of these three, dhvaya mantra is considered the gem, and Vedanta Desika says that nothing can give more welfare to a person than the recitation of dhvaya mantra. So significant is the dhvaya mantra that even the asktakshara mantra and charama sloka are explained in terms of dhvaya mantra. Thiruvaimozhi is said to be an elaboration of dhvaya. Dhvaya mantra has 10 segments. Thiruvaimozhi has 10 divisions, each of which is an explanation of a segment of dhvaya. Stotra Ratna of Alavandar and Saranagati Gadya of Ramanuja are also elaborations of dhvaya mantra. Dhvaya mantra is the crux of Visishtadvaita philosophy. Kooratazhvan composed Varadaraja Stava to convey the meaning of dhvaya. In the very first verse of Varadaraja Stava, Kooratazhvan celebrates both the Lord and His Consort. A good poetic work will have in the first verse a salutation to God and benefits that will come to those who read the work. Varadaraja Stava has both these elements in the first verse.

ISTANBUL

Turkey jails 17 suspects, including Syrian woman, over Istanbul attack

A Turkish court on Friday ordered the detention of 17 suspects, including a Syrian woman, for alleged links to a bombing that killed six persons in central Istanbul. The government has accused the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), designated as a terror group by Ankara and its Western allies, for last Sunday's attack. AP

SULAIMANIYAH

15 persons killed in Iraq after gas tank blast causes building collapse

Fifteen persons died and around a dozen were injured in northern Iraq when a fuel tank exploded, causing a building to collapse on Friday. "Most of the victims are women and children," an official said. He added that the three-story building collapsed after a leak from an LPG tank, used for heating, triggered a blast. AFP

GAZA CITY

Fire kills 21 people belonging to a family during birthday party

A fire that tore through a top-floor apartment in the Gaza Strip during a birthday party killed twenty-one people belonging to a family, two of their relatives said on Friday. Thursday night's blaze in a three-story residential building in the Jabaliya refugee camp was apparently fuelled by stored gasoline. AFP

MOSCOW

Russian dissident Alexei Navalny decry harsher detention norms

Jailed Russian dissident Alexei Navalny says he has been moved to a small, isolated cell and deprived of family visits. Under the new detention conditions, he is only allowed two books and deprived of long-stay family visits. Mr. Navalny said he had been placed in a "cramped cell" used for prisoners accused of bad behaviour. AFP

N. Korea's ICBM, with range to strike entire U.S., lands near Japan's waters

The U.S. condemned the launch of the missile, which analysts say is designed to carry multiple nuclear warheads, and vowed to take 'all necessary measures' to guarantee the safety of its territory and its allies, South Korea and Japan

Associated Press
SEOUL

North Korea fired an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile that landed near Japanese waters on Friday in its second major weapons test this month that showed a potential ability to launch nuclear strikes on all of the U.S. mainland.

While it's unclear whether North Korea possesses functioning nuclear-armed missiles, some experts say Friday's launch involved its longest-range missile, which is still under development and is designed to carry multiple nuclear warheads to overcome U.S. missile defence systems.

North Korea's recent weapons tests aims to advance its nuclear arsenal and win greater concessions in future diplomacy. It comes as China and Russia have opposed U.S. moves to toughen UN sanctions aimed at curbing the North's nuclear programme.

Retaliatory action: A squadron of four South Korean and four U.S. fighter jets fly over South Korea during a joint air drill on Friday. AP

The U.S. condemned the launch and vowed to take "all measures" to guarantee the safety of its territory and its allies South Korea and Japan. Vice President Kamala Harris met with the leaders of those countries and of Australia, Canada and New Zealand who are attending a regional forum in Bangkok to discuss the launch.

"We again call for North Korea to stop further unlawful, destabilising acts. On behalf of the United States, I reaffirm our iron-clad commitment to our Indo-Pacific alliances," Ms. Harris said at the start of the meeting. "Together the countries represented here will continue to urge North Korea to commit to serious and sustained diplomacy." South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said it detected the ICBM launch from North Korea's capital region around 10:15 a.m. Japan said it appeared to fly on a high trajectory and land west of its island of Hokkaido. According to South Korean and Japanese estimates, the missile flew 6,000 km – 6,100 km at a maximum altitude of 1,000 km.

Japanese Defence Minister Yasukazu Hamada said that depending on the weight of a potential warhead, the missile had a range exceeding 15,000 km, "in which case it could cover the entire mainland United States." However, the White House said that the launch did not threaten the U.S. "As concerning as this launch was, we did not deem it a threat to homeland," White House national security spokesman John Kirby said.

Kwon Yong Soo, a former professor at Korea National Defense University in South Korea, said he believes North Korea tested a developmental Hwasong-17 missile, which he said can carry three to five nuclear warheads and fly as far as 15,000 km.

North Korea has two other ICBMs and their test launches in 2017 showed they could potentially reach parts or all of the U.S. homeland, respectively. But Mr. Kwon said North Korea needs a longer-range missile like the Hwasong-17 capable of flying a lengthier route to the American mainland to evade current U.S. missile defence systems.

U.S. says Saudi Arabia Crown Prince MBS has immunity in Khashoggi killing lawsuit

Reuters
WASHINGTON

The Biden administration ruled on Thursday that Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has immunity from a lawsuit over the murder of Jamal Khashoggi, drawing immediate condemnation from the slain journalist's former fiancee. Mr. Khashoggi was killed and dismembered in October 2018 by Saudi agents in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, an operation which U.S. intelligence believed was ordered by Prince Mohammed, who has been the kingdom's de facto ruler for several years.

"Jamal died again today," Khashoggi's ex-fiancée, Hatice Cengiz, said on Twitter minutes after the news became public. She added later: "We thought maybe there would be a light to justice from #USA But again, money came first. This is a world that Jamal doesn't know about and me..!" A spokesperson for the Saudi consulate in Washington could not be reached for comment on Thursday evening, after business hours.

Mohammed bin Salman

'Long-standing law'

"This is a legal determination made by the State Department under longstanding and well-established principles of customary international law," a spokesperson for the White House National Security Council said in a written statement. "It has nothing to do with the merits of the case." The spokesperson referred further questions to the State and Justice Departments.

In a document filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Justice Department attorneys wrote that "the doctrine of head of state immunity is well established in customary international law".

Justice Department lawyers said the executive branch of U.S. government, referring to the Biden Administration, had "determined that defendant bin Salman, as the sitting head of a foreign government, enjoys head of state immunity from the jurisdiction of U.S. courts as a result of that office".

In late September, Saudi King Salman named Prince Mohammed Prime Minister in a royal decree which a Saudi official said was in line with responsibilities that the Crown Prince was already exercising.

Moscow accuses Kyiv of executing PoWs

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russia on Friday accused Kyiv of executing several surrendering soldiers in what Moscow said constituted a "war crime," the latest allegation of abuse after months of fighting in Ukraine.

Moscow's claims come after the UN this week published a report saying prisoners of war on both sides had been subjected to torture and ill-treatment.

Russia's Defence Ministry quoted videos circulating on social media that purport to show the bodies of Russian servicemen who had surrendered to Ukrainian troops and were then killed.

Russia's Human Rights Council said the alleged executions took place in Makiivka, a village in the eastern Lugansk region, which the Ukrainian Army said it recaptured this week.

Khomeini's ancestral home set on fire

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Protesters in Iran have set on fire the ancestral home of the Islamic republic's founder Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini two months into the anti-regime protest movement, images showed on Friday.

The house in the city of Khomein in the western Markazi province was shown ablaze on Thursday with crowds of jubilant protesters marching past, according to images posted on social media.

Mouting resentment: Protesters start a fire at the family home of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in Khomein in Iran on Thursday. AFP

Khomeini is said to have been born at the house in the town of Khomein – from where his surname derives – at the turn of the century. Khomeini died in 1989 but remains the subject of adulation by the clerical leadership under successor Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The house was later turned into a museum commemorating Khomeini. It was not immediately clear what damaged it sustained.

The protests sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini, who had been arrested by the morality police, pose the biggest challenge from the street to Iran's leaders since the 1979 revolution. They were fuelled by anger over the obligatory headscarf for women imposed by Khomeini but have turned into a movement calling for an end to the Islamic republic itself.

'Traces of explosives near Nord stream'

Associated Press
HELSINKI

Investigators found traces of explosives at the Baltic Sea site where two natural gas pipelines were damaged in an act of "gross sabotage," the prosecutor leading Sweden's preliminary investigation said on Friday.

The lawyer said the investigators carefully documented the area where the Nord Stream 1 and 2 pipelines ruptured in September. The parallel undersea pipelines run from Russia to Germany.

The prosecution authority said the preliminary investigation was "comprehensive" and further scrutiny would show whether anyone could be charged "with suspicion of crime."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said it was "very important to find those responsible."

On Israel's border with Gaza, an uneasy calm amid worries of the next spark

Stanly Johny
KEREM SHALOM

"This is one of the longest cross-border tunnels Hamas has built," said a uniformed Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) officer, opening the iron door of a concrete structure in the middle of barren lands on the Israeli-Gaza border. The door opens to concrete steps that disappear underground. The officer asked journalists to turn on the flash lights.

The IDF has built the steps for easy access to the opening of the tunnel, which is roughly 50m underground. The steps were muddy and slippery. The northwestern Negev region gets rains only a few days a year. It was one of them. "Rains lash the mud in the tunnel on to the steps, which makes the going tough," said the officer, stepping into darkness.

The 2.5-km long tunnel, of which 900m is inside Israeli territory, is roughly a 10-minute drive from Tel Gama, the mound in southern Israel that saw Australian and New Zealand troops, under the British command, mount a successful cavalry charge against the Ottomans in the First World War. The IDF detected and destroyed the tunnel in 2016.

Tunnel networks

"Hamas has an elaborate network of tunnels, for various purposes. Narrow tunnels like these are mostly built for infiltration and to launch attacks inside Israel. On Gaza's Egyptian border, Hamas and the Islamic Jihad have built wider, more sophisticated tunnels and they get everything they want smuggled through these tunnels. This includes weapons, contraband, cigarettes, fuel and clothes," said Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus, a former spokesperson of the IDF.

The IDF claims that they have destroyed dozens of tunnels from Gaza in recent years. "We have developed a technology to detect tunnels at the early stages of digging. And we wait for the right time to attack and destroy them," the IDF officer said.

The Gaza-Israel border has always remained a flashpoint. In 2005, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon unilaterally withdrew Israeli troops and Jewish settlers from Gaza as part of his "disengagement plan". But that didn't bring peace. From 2007 onwards, Israel has imposed an illegal blockade on this tiny Mediterranean strip of 2.5 million people. Israel controls Gaza's maritime borders, air space and most of its land crossings. It justifies the blockade saying such measures are needed to fight terror from Gaza.

Brief lull: Over the past years, Gaza has witnessed several conflicts, from rocket attacks by Hamas to retaliatory airstrikes by Israel. AFP

At Kerem Shalom, a key crossing between Israel and Gaza, Ami Shaked, its director, said that, for Israel, there's no difference between Hamas and ISIS. "They don't want any solution but the Islamic solution. They think we don't have the right to live here," Mr. Shaked said. Kerem Shalom has been hit several times by mortars and rockets from Gaza. "There are Israeli communities living in this region. They live under constant fear and trauma of rocket attacks from Gaza."

Hila Fenlon, a farmer at Netiv HaAsara, an Israeli Moshav commune just 300m from the Gaza border, corroborated what Mr. Shaked said. "Once the alarm goes off, we get 15 seconds to move into the bomb shelter. I have been living under the threat of constant rocket attacks for more than 20 years."

Several Gaza wars

Hamas, the Islamist movement that rules Gaza, says it possesses the right to fight Israel as long as its occupation of the Palestinian territories continues. Over the past years, Gaza has witnessed several conflicts, with rocket attacks by Hamas and the Islamic Jihad and retaliatory airstrikes by Israel.

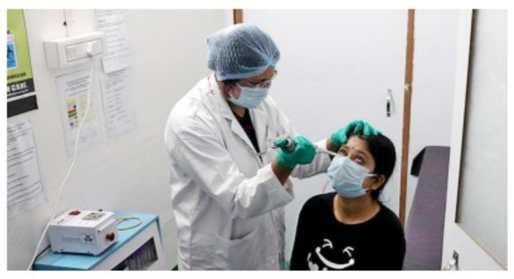
And both sides suffer. In the past, both Hamas and the IDF were accused of war crimes by UN-commissioned inquiries. In the 2021 Gaza war, 14 Israeli civilians were killed, including two children, while on the Palestinian side, the civilian toll was 256, including 66 children.

Since then, the border region has remained largely calm, with occasional flare-ups, even though violence continued in the occupied West Bank. But Gaza has been like this since 2005. A spell of tense calm can be broken any time with a spark. And then a full-scale war will come. From Tel Gama and Kerem Shalom, one can see the border fence that separates Israel from Gaza. There are not many soldiers in the vicinity, but Israel's observation posts are visible from a long distance. "The IDF has some very sophisticated surveillance tech so that we can keep monitoring Hamas through those posts," Mr. Conricus said, pointing to the tall towers on the border.

The IDF has built barbed wires over land and a deep concrete fence underground. How deep is the fence? "That's confidential information. But I can tell you that it is deeper than the deepest tunnel Hamas has built," Mr. Conricus said. With tunnel-detecting technology, underground fences and the Iron Dome anti-missile defence system, the IDF hopes to put an end to Hamas's tunnel and rocket threats. "Hamas and the Islamic Jihad are getting support from other countries. They have amassed thousands of rockets. But we have equipped ourselves better to deal with those threats," Mr. Conricus said.

(The writer was in Israel on an invitation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

INBRIEF



Aurobindo's fungal infection drug copy gets U.S. FDA nod

Aurobindo Pharma subsidiary Eugia Pharma Specialities has received final approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for a generic version of Amphotericin B Liposome for Injection, 50 mg. Bioequivalent and therapeutically equivalent to AmBisome Liposome for Injection of Astellas Pharma U.S., it is expected to be unveiled in Q4 of FY23.

FDA approves Sun Pharma product for neonatal seizures

Sun Pharmaceutical Industries on Friday said the U.S. Food and Drug Administration had approved Sezaby (phenobarbital sodium powder for injection) for the treatment of neonatal seizures.

A benzyl alcohol-free and propylene glycol-free formulation, the product was granted orphan drug designation by the regulator for treatment of neonatal seizures. With the approval, it becomes the first and only product specifically indicated in the U.S. for treatment of neonatal seizures in term and preterm infants.

Govt. raises maximum tenure of PSU bank CEOs to 10 years

The maximum tenure of CEO and MD of public sector banks has been increased to 10 years, a move that is expected to help the government retain the best talent in the banking sector. According to a government notification dated November 17, 2022, the term for the appointment has been extended to 10 years, from the earlier 5 years, subject to superannuation age of 60 years. The amendment would be called Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Scheme, 2022. PTI

Jet sends 10% staff on leave sans pay, cuts salary for 30%

Stalemate extends between lenders, new promoters over payment of provident fund, gratuity; winning bidder blames loss-making carrier's financial creditors for delay in handover of airline

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Jet Airways has sent about 10% of its employees on leave without pay and cut pay for another 30%, according to CEO Sanjeev Kapoor.

The action follows a stalemate between promoters Jalan-Kalrock Consortium (JKC) and lenders to the airline, which has delayed the carrier's relaunch.

Earlier this week, JKC approached the NCLAT pleading that gratuity dues of Jet employees should be paid from Jet's existing cash balance and lenders' funds. In October, the NCLAT had directed the consortium to pay gratuity and provident fund to the airline's employees till the date of insolvency commencement in June 2019.

The total claim is about ₹275 crore. There are a total of 230 employees, including those who have been on the rolls through the insolvency process, as well as those employed by the promoter consortium.

"While we await the handover of the company as per the NCLT process, the longer-than-expected time being taken for the same may result in some difficult but necessary near-term decisions to manage our cash flows to secure the future while the airline is still not in our possession," JKC said in a statement.

The consortium blamed lenders for the delay in the handover of the airline and said it had deposited the first tranche of ₹150 crore with the lenders as per the order of the NCLT in June 2021. The clarification was in response to reports citing bank sources, saying that the consortium had delayed payments.

"It is apparent that the NCLT plan" did not factor in the statutory dues, said Narayan Hariharan, former senior VP, Jet.

Ground turbulence

The troubled airline is still on shaky ground as winning bidders and lenders wrangle over payment of past dues to employees

- Earlier this week, the JKC had asked NCLAT to allow gratuity dues to be paid from the airline's existing cash balance and the lenders' funds

- In October, NCLAT had directed consortium to pay gratuity and PF to staff till June 2019
- The total claim is **₹275 crore**
- Jet has **230 employees** on its rolls

'Economy resilient, on road to 7% growth'

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

With headline inflation beginning to show signs of easing, the domestic macroeconomic outlook appears to be resilient and on course for about 7% GDP growth in the current fiscal, though India is still sensitive to global headwinds, RBI officials wrote in an article in the bulletin.

The authors, led by RBI Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra, also said the outlook for the global economy remained clouded with downside risks. Global financial conditions had been tightening and deteriorating liquidity was amplifying financial price movements, they added.

Markets are now pricing in moderate increases in policy rates and risk-on appetite has returned. In India, supply responses in the economy are gaining strength, the authors noted in the article published in the latest RBI Bulletin.

Boost investments in smart tech, AIIB urged

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday asked the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to scale up investment in renewal energy and smart technologies and also urged the multilateral agency to set up a regional office in India.

AIIB President Jin Liqun had called upon the finance minister here and discussed various issues of relevance to the bank. India is a founding member of AIIB with the second-highest voting share.

Nirmala Sitharaman

Help build greater trust in financial statements: Sitharaman

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday urged accountants to ensure they adhere to fair and transparent practices and remain independent in their functioning to engender trust in the integrity of financial statements that they vet.

Terming accounts that ensure 'transparency, clarity and accountability in a company's financial affairs' a 'fundamental requisite' for corporate governance, she emphasised that accountants' responsibility was not just limited to shareholders in the businesses they worked for.

"Statutory filings and audit reports are public documents and they are relied on by various stakeholders, including financial institutions, governments, and common retail investors," Ms. Sitharaman said in a keynote address to the World Congress of Accountants in Mumbai.

Urging accounting business leaders to look at building trust among stakeholders, she said ethical conduct by accountants could benefit multiple stakeholders. She welcomed the formation of the International Sustainability Standards Board by the IFRS Foundation to move towards a single set of global reporting norms.

The profession must see how technologies such as blockchain could make a 'difference', she suggested.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	61,663	-0.14
US Dollar	81.74	-0.12
Gold	53,220	-0.02
Brent oil	86.56	-5.28

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	4019.80	1.65
Adani Ports	888.90	-1.95
Apollo Hosp	4399.15	-1.15
Asian Paints	3095.50	23.90
Axis Bank	859.20	1.00
Bajaj Auto	3632.95	-61.20
Bajaj Finserv	1654.40	-10.20
Bajaj Finance	6791.50	-103.55
Bharti Airtel	837.30	-8.85
BPCL	304.10	-1.10
Britannia Ind	4106.05	-19.15
Cipla	1102.40	-17.10
Coal India	229.55	-2.85
Divis Lab	3287.35	-2.65
Dr Reddys Lab	4409.05	-12.25
Eicher Motors	3390.25	-51.60
Grasim Ind	1708.85	-1.80
HCL Tech	1103.15	10.60
HDFC	2667.05	7.80
HDFC Bank	1613.90	-4.25
HDFC Life	531.55	0.35
Hero MotoCorp	2723.15	-20.85
Hindalco	438.60	-1.85
Hind Unilever	2483.70	23.70
ICICI Bank	920.35	0.55
IndusInd Bank	1128.65	-17.85
Infosys	1593.40	6.00
ITC	341.05	-2.65
JSW Steel	708.20	-0.40
Kotak Bank	1959.55	9.00
L&T	2024.45	-5.10
M&M	1227.15	-32.20
Maruti Suzuki	8848.05	-138.40
NestleIndia	19925.10	-65.90
NTPC	165.85	-2.45
ONGC	141.75	-1.45
PowerGrid Corp	218.35	0.05
Reliance Ind	2597.65	-1.40
SBI Life	1242.75	-11.60
State Bank	602.70	3.65
Sun Pharma	1009.60	-3.75
TataConsumerProduct	775.70	-10.30
Tata Motors	423.80	0.65
Tata Steel	105.50	-0.35
TCS	3343.45	-5.55
Tech Mahindra	1060.85	2.30
Titan	2565.80	-16.20
UltraTech Cement	6814.45	-57.40
UPL	765.95	-5.50
Wipro	393.85	-2.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 18

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.49	81.81
Euro	84.46	84.80
British Pound	97.08	97.47
Japanese Yen (100)	58.25	58.48
Chinese Yuan	11.44	11.49
Swiss Franc	85.66	86.00
Singapore Dollar	59.37	59.61
Canadian Dollar	61.14	61.39
Malaysian Ringitt	17.87	17.98
Australian Dollar	54.72	54.94

Source:Indian Bank

Sundram Fasteners says 'no cut in capex plan'

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Sundram Fasteners on Friday clarified there has been no cut in its capex plan for the current fiscal year as reported in the November 17 edition of *The Hindu* 'Sundram Fasteners to cut capex by ₹100 cr.'.

"We deny that the company has either postponed or cancelled any of its capex programme," CFO R. Dilip Kumar wrote in an e-mail. "During our recent investors call too, there was no announcement regarding the cut," he added.

'Data bill may need multiple iterations'

Yuthika Bhargava
NEW DELHI

The draft Digital Personal Data Protection Bill, 2022, released on Friday has more misses than hits, and would need multiple iterations before becoming practical, experts said.

A majority of digital rights activists said the Bill did not seem to work towards protecting people, but ensured the government retained power without any checks or balances – an issue that was raised when the first draft of the bill was released in 2018.

"Some problem areas [in the revised Bill] have existed since the first draft came out, but there is no improvement," Namrata Maheshwari, Asia Pacific Policy Counsel at digital rights organisation Access Now, told *The Hindu*. She said the government has been given the power to exempt not only government agencies, but any entity collecting user data, from having to comply with the provisions.

Technology Lawyer Mishi Choudhary said the Bill should be called "As May Be Prescribed By Govt Bill" as a lot is left to the rules.

"The Data Protection Board is toothless," Ms. Choudhary said.

More Twitter workers flee after Musk's 'hardcore' ultimatum

Associated Press

Twitter continued to bleed engineers and other workers after Elon Musk gave them a choice to pledge to "hardcore" work or resign with severance pay.

Hundreds of employees signaled they were leaving ahead of a Thursday deadline set by Mr. Musk, posting a salute emoji or other symbols familiar to Twitter workers on the company's Slack messaging board.

However, it was not always possible to tell if they were doing so because they were leaving or out of solidarity with departing colleagues, according to a current employee who also spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation, and also a former employee who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the confidentiality required to get the severance pay.

Elon Musk

Some took to Twitter to announce they were signing off after the deadline.

A number of employees took to a private forum outside of the company's messaging board to discuss their planned departure, asking questions about how it might jeopardize their U.S. visas or if they would get the promised severance pay, according to an employee fired earlier this week.

Twitter leadership sent an unsigned email after the deadline announcing that offices would be closed and employee badge access disabled until Monday. No reason was given, according to an employee.

Chemplast Sanmar expedites expansion

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Chemplast Sanmar Ltd. said it is expediting the expansion of a custom manufacturing chemical division near Hosur in Tamilnadu to cater to additional volume requirements.

"With greater visibility on new products, especially with the order win in this half year, we plan to increase the capacity in Phase-I itself to provide for incremental volumes," MD Ramkumar Shankar said on an earnings call.

"Therefore, we plan to advance some of the capacity planned in Phase-II in Phase-I itself, which will lead to the project cost for Phase-I moving up from ₹260 crore to ₹310 crore," he added.

Chemplast Sanmar is a leading supplier of intermediates for global agrochemical, pharmaceutical and fine chemical innovators, and has a 1,068 mtpa installed capacity at Berigai, near Hosur.

According to Mr. Shankar, Phase-I of the multipurpose custom manufacturing block is slated to be completed by Q2 of FY24. The specialty chemicals company intends to complete the civil work for the entire project in this phase.

Sport

Manika Batra moves into the semifinals, makes history

Sports Bureau

India's Manika Batra ousted Chen Szu-Yu of Taipei, seeded eighth, 6-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-7, 8-11, 9-11, 11-9 to enter the semifinals of the ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup table tennis championships in Bangkok on Friday.

This is the first time an Indian has performed this well in the 39 years of the tournament.

She will take on Mima Ito of Japan, the second seed, in the last-four clash on Saturday.

Mima drubbed Jeon Jihee of Korea 11-8, 11-5, 12-10, 15-13 in the second quarterfinal.

Taylor Fritz advances to the last four

Victory cry: Fritz broke twice in the final three games. GETTY IMAGES

Associated Press
TURIN

Taylor Fritz advanced to the final four of the ATP Finals by beating Felix Auger-Aliassime 7-6 (4), 6-7 (5), 6-2 on Thursday.

Fritz will face five-time champion Novak Djokovic in the semifinals. The Serb outlasted Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-7(5), 7-6(2) in a Red Group match on Friday.

The results: Green Group: Taylor Fritz bt Felix Auger Aliassime 7-6(4), 6-7(5), 6-2. **Red Group:** Novak Djokovic bt Daniil Medvedev 6-3, 6-7(5), 7-6(2).

Odisha makes a stunning comeback

Y.B. Sarangi
KOLKATA

Substitute Pedro Martin starred with a brace as Odisha FC pumped in four second-half goals to register a sensational fightback and beat East Bengal 4-2 in the Indian Super League at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Friday.

The hosts seized the initiative when they backed their build-ups with solid work in the final third. A superb pass from the centre found an advancing V. Suhair, who moved forward and passed the ball to Semboi who completed the formalities.

The red-and-gold brigade widened the lead 12 minutes later when Suhair, who had moved to the left, pounced on a loose ball and crossed to Mahesh Singh, who made no mistake.

Odisha showed better coordination and Pedro struck twice – in the 47th and 48th minutes – to silence the 17,000-plus East Bengal fans. On both occasions, he was ably assisted by Diego Mauricio.

The visitors narrowed the margin when Pedro shot home a diagonal right-footer. In the very next minute, Mauricio headed down a ball in the goalmouth and Pedro headed home the equaliser as the East Bengal defence stood exposed.

Hanging tough: Despite trailing 0-2, Odisha and Pedro never lost sight of their goal. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

There was more trouble for East Bengal as Charalambos Kyriacou had to be stretchered off with a head injury. Another Odisha substitute, Mahwimingthanga Jerry, cashed in on a precise cross from the left to score off a spectacular header in the 66th minute.

Nandha Kumar's strike 10 minutes later made it a special evening for Odisha and a forgettable one for East Bengal.

The result: East Bengal 2 (Semboi 23, Mahesh 35) lost to Odisha FC 4 (Pedro 47 & 48, Jerry 66, Nandha Kumar 76).

Inamdar does it for Paltan; Maninder and Bharat shine

Sports Bureau

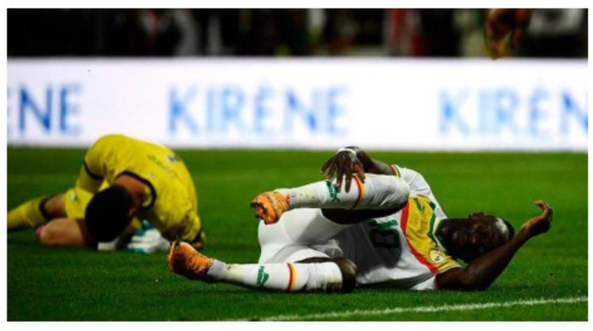
Puneri Paltan continued its superb form in Season 9 of the Pro Kabaddi League, defeating Haryana Steelers 41-28 in Hyderabad on Friday. Aslam Inamdar was Pune's star of the night, scoring 10 points.

Captain Maninder Singh (12) was in his element as Bengal Warriors recorded a 36-28 victory over Telugu Titans in the second match of the day.

Raider Bharat was in top form, rattling up 18 points, as Bengaluru Bulls eased to a 45-38 win over Gujarat Giants in the day's final contest.

LAID LOW

Senegal star Sadio Mane ruled out of World Cup after surgery



Senegal star Sadio Mane has been ruled out of the World Cup after undergoing surgery for his leg injury, Bayern Munich and the Senegalese football federation said. The 30-year-old had an operation in Innsbruck (Austria) for an injury he sustained while playing for Bayern against Werder Bremen on November 8.

DOUBLE BLOW

Injured Gonzalez and Correa out of Qatar World Cup

Argentina strikers Nicolas Gonzalez, *in pic*, and Joaquin Correa have been ruled out of the World Cup with injuries. Gonzalez, who plays for Fiorentina, injured a muscle during a training session on Thursday. Joaquin Correa was removed from the 26-man squad with an unspecified injury.

DOWNER

Beer sales banned around World Cup stadiums

FIFA and Qatar on Friday banned beer sales around the eight World Cup stadiums in a stunning policy U-turn just two days before the start of the tournament. Football's world governing body said the decision was taken following "discussions" with the World Cup host, an Islamic state which severely restricts alcohol consumption.

A WASH OUT

India-NZ series opener fails to take off due to incessant rain

The first T20I of the three-match series between India and New Zealand was called off without a ball being bowled as incessant rain made the ground unplayable in Wellington on Friday. The match was ultimately called off at 8.52 p.m. local time. The second T20I will be played in Mount Maunganui on Sunday.

Fan favourite Brazil expected to be runaway topper of Group G

The actual race will be for second place and the resulting knockout spot, likely between Serbia and Switzerland

FIFA WC COUNTDOWN

Ashwin Achal

In an odd coincidence, this group is almost identical to Group E from the 2018 World Cup. Brazil, Switzerland and Serbia are once again bunched together, while Cameroon is the fourth team, instead of Costa Rica.

In the previous edition, Brazil and Switzerland progressed to the knockouts. Fan favourite Brazil should have little trouble negotiating its way to the top of this group. Its title-run in the 2002 World Cup was the last time a non-European side won the mega event.

Brazil enters the tournament with the best record, enjoying a 17-match unbeaten run in the CONMEBOL (South American Football Confederation) qualification round. With Brazil the standout side, the true race lies in capturing second place and the resulting knockout spot.

FACTFILE GROUP G

BRAZIL
Appearances: 22 | Matches: 109
Goals: 229
Ranking: 1
Best Performance: Winner in 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994 and 2002
Captain: Thiago Silva
Coach: Tite
Watch out for: **Vinicius Junior**

SERBIA
Appearances: 13 | Matches: 46
Goals: 66
Ranking: 21
Best Performance: Fourth place in 1930 and 1962 (as Yugoslavia)
Captain: Dusan Tadic
Coach: Dragan Stojkovic
Watch out for: **Aleksandar Mitrovic**

SWITZERLAND
Appearances: 11 | Matches: 37
Goals: 50
Ranking: 15
Best Performance: Quarterfinalist in 1934, 1938 and 1954
Captain: Granit Xhaka
Coach: Murat Yakin
Watch out for: **Granit Xhaka**

CAMEROON
Appearances: 8 | Matches: 23
Goals: 12
Ranking: 43
Best Performance: Quarterfinalist in 1990
Captain: Vincent Aboubakar
Coach: Rigobert Song
Watch out for: **Vincent Aboubakar**

BRAZIL

Brazil, coached by Tite, boasts of a squad packed with talent. Brazil has relied heavily on Neymar, but this time, Vinicius Jr. is around to provide world-class support in attack. Richarlison and Gabriel Jesus are also available if reinforcements are needed.

In midfield, Liverpool's Fabinho and the Manchester United duo of Casemiro and Antony will call the shots. Thiago Silva and Marquinhos form the core of the defence. Moreover, Alisson Becker and Manchester City's Ederson are among the best custodians.

SERBIA

As an independent nation, Serbia has played in the World Cup twice (2010 and 2018) – failing to progress beyond the group stage. Serbia counts on the attacking prowess of Dusan Tadic, Aleksandar Mitrovic and Luka Jovic. Dusan Vlahovic, who did well in Serbia's qualifying campaign, is also expected to shine.

The defence, which kept just one clean sheet in the qualifiers, is a weakness. Manager Dragan Stojkovic helmed an otherwise fine European qualification run, where the side finished on top of Group A ahead of Portugal.

SWITZERLAND

Captain Granit Xhaka and vice-captain Xherdan Shaqiri are the big names expected to do big things. Nottingham Forest's Remo Freuler can cover for Xhaka when the latter surges forward. Also, Murat Yakin has built a reputation as an attack-minded manager.

Borussia Monchengladbach's Yann Sommer has emerged as one of the best goalkeepers in the Bundesliga. Switzerland's last best showing came in 1954, when, as host, it made a quarterfinal run.

CAMEROON

Cameroon sticks out as the weakest team in the group. After an inspiring quarterfinal finish in 1990, the team has barely made a mark. The African nation is adept in attack. Midfielder Andre-Frank Zambo Anguissa has come good for Napoli this season, while Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting and Vincent Aboubakar form a good striking partnership.

The defence is brittle, save for experienced Inter goalkeeper Andre Onana. Manager Rigobert Song, who took the job in February, will have to inspire his players to punch above their weight.

Figo believes Portugal has a chance to go the distance

Former captain expects fireworks from Ronaldo who will be itching to make his last appearance in the showpiece a memorable one

INTERVIEW

Luis Figo

Luis Figo was the captain Cristiano Ronaldo played under when he made his debut for Portugal. Figo is expecting fireworks from Ronaldo in his last World Cup in Qatar.

No holding him back! Ronaldo is expected to do all in his power to bring glory to Portugal. AFP

Can Portugal reach a first World Cup final in Qatar?

Why not? We have a good squad. All the boys have been playing well for clubs in Europe. Above all, we have Cristiano Ronaldo who will be eager to make his last World Cup a memorable one. So, there is every possibility we will go the distance.

A super computer has predicted a final between Argentina and Portugal, a Messi-Ronaldo final!

If that happens, the football world will clearly be divided again. I can only say both of them deserve a great farewell. With the help of their teammates, they can fulfil their own as well as their country's dreams.

Will there be more pressure on Cristiano, given that Portugal has never won?

When you are on the field, you don't remember what happened in the past. Your only intention is winning. History comes to mind only after the match.

You led the 2006 team...

Yes, fond memories! We lost to France, led by my very good friend Zinedine Zidane. As a team, we tried our best, but could not win that day.

Your impression of Ronaldo who made his WC debut that year

His first competition for Portugal was not the World Cup but the Euro in 2004, we were the hosts. He was already signed by Sir Alex Ferguson for Manchester United a year before and that was big news for all of us. We watched him grow into one of the best in the history of the game.

But his current form with Manchester United...

He will be leading Portugal in his last World Cup and I am sure he will do everything to bring us glory.

With Uruguay, Ghana and South Korea, it's a strong group for Portugal

That will help you concentrate from the very beginning. We lost to Uruguay in Russia. Ghana is physically strong, while the South Koreans play a speedy game that can surprise any team. Coach Fernando Santos is experienced enough to counter them.

Your favourites, other than Portugal, in the tournament

France, Brazil, Germany, England, Argentina, Spain and yes, Belgium. I think I have picked all! Cannot say which team will win, but there is little chance of any team other than one of these eight taking the Cup!

All eyes on Portugal in a group of 'revenge matches'

Abhishek Saini

Group H is expected to be closely tracked, partly because it has some mouthwatering fixtures to offer and mostly because Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal is part of it. Portugal is the highest-ranked team in the group, and firm favourite to win it.

The biggest match without doubt will be Uruguay vs Portugal – a repeat of the 2018 Round-of-16 match where the former prevailed 2-1.

Another 'rematch' will be Uruguay vs Ghana. In 2010, Luis Suarez handled the ball to prevent Ghana from scoring in the quarterfinals. Asamoah Gyan missed the subsequent penalty to help *La Celeste* advance.

FACTFILE GROUP H

PORTUGAL
Appearances: 8 | Matches: 30
Goals: 49
Ranking: 9
Best Performance: Third in 1966
Captain: Cristiano Ronaldo
Coach: Fernando Santos
Watch out for: **Joao Cancelo**

URUGUAY
Appearances: 14 | Matches: 56
Goals: 87
Ranking: 14
Best performance: Winner in 1930 and 1950
Captain: Diego Godin
Coach: Diego Alonso
Watch out for: **Fede Valverde**

SOUTH KOREA
Appearances: 10 | Matches: 34
Goals: 34
Ranking: 28
Best performance: Fourth in 2002
Captain: Son Heung-Min
Coach: Paulo Bento
Watch out for: **Son Heung-Min**

GHANA
Appearances: 3 | Matches: 12
Goals: 13
Ranking: 61
Best performance: Quarterfinalist in 2010
Captain: Andre Ayew
Coach: Otto Addo
Watch out for: **Inaki Williams**

PORTUGAL

For a team enjoying the riches of its golden generation, the build-up to the World Cup campaign has been surprisingly quiet for Portugal.

One reason could be the complications the team created for itself on the path to Qatar.

Having lost to Serbia in its last qualifier, Portugal had to take the longer route, via the playoffs. There is still plenty to look forward to for Portugal, which carries a new look from the side that was eliminated in the Round-of-16 in Russia four years ago.

A solid run would be a fitting farewell for Cristiano Ronaldo, and an opportunity to hand over the baton to the likes of Joao Felix, Bruno Fernandes and Ruben Dias.

These players form the core of the team, most having tasted success with the Nations League triumph in 2019.

URUGUAY

One of the eight nations to have lifted the coveted trophy, Uruguay, however, is a shadow of the team it once was.

Uruguay finished third in 2010, and was eliminated in the Round-of-16 and quarterfinals in 2014 and 2018. It won't be any easier to go one step better this year, but the team's young guns – Nunez, Fede Valverde and Jose Gimenez – will hope to make it a memorable campaign. Under new manager Diego Alonso, Uruguay has enjoyed a decent run of form.

SOUTH KOREA

Tell a South Korean that Portugal and Uruguay are the favourites in Group H and you'll be reminded of 2018 when the Asian giant knocked out Germany in the group stage. However, it's been a nervous few days in South Korea as an entire nation waits with bated breath to know Son Heung-Min's fate. Son picked up a facial injury during in a Champions League game and though he has travelled to Qatar, it's not clear if he will play.

South Korea has quite a few who ply their trade in Europe, but coach Paulo Bento will be a worried man nonetheless.

GHANA

Ghana is ranked 61st, the lowest among the 32 finalists. Under new manager Otto Addo, it will look to at least emulate results from 2010 and 2014 when it progressed to the knockout phase. The addition of Inaki Williams and Tariq Lamptey should aid that cause.

BCCI invites applications for selectors' posts

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

The BCCI has invited applications for each of the five members in the men's senior national selection committee. The Board issued an advisory on Friday, asking eligible former cricketers to submit applications by November 28. The eligibility criteria is the same as the last time the BCCI invited applications, in January 2020.

Besides having retired from First Class cricket at least five years earlier, the applicant should have played seven Tests or 30 First Class games or 10 ODIs and 20 First Class games. No person who has served five years in Cricket Committees of the BCCI will be considered.

The Hindu understands that the yet-to-be reconstituted Cricket Advisory Committee will be asked to appoint the new panel.

INBRIEF

Nadal 'happy' for Djokovic after Australian visa decision

Rafael Nadal on Thursday welcomed the decision to grant Novak Djokovic a visa which will enable him to compete at the 2023 event, describing it as "the best news possible". In 2022, Djokovic was detained and deported from Australia as he was not vaccinated against Covid. He was initially barred by the government from returning to Australia until 2025 but Australia's new Immigration Minister Andrew Giles said that with a significant easing in pandemic restrictions, the nine-time champion was now welcome to return.

Australian women to play T20I series from Dec. 9

Reigning T20 World champion Australia will square off with Harmanpreet Kaur-led India in a five-match T20I series in Mumbai from December 9 to 20, BCCI secretary Jay Shah announced on Friday. The matches will be played on December 9, 11, 14, 17 and 20.The series will serve as preparation for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup to be held in South Africa in February.

LIVE TELECAST

BWF Australian Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7.30 a.m. onwards.

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 8.30 a.m.

Australia vs England: 2nd ODI, Sony Sports 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 8.50 a.m.

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 2 p.m.

IRL: First Qualifying, Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3 p.m., Sprint Race 1, Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 4.30 p.m.

ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD), Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 5.30 & 7.30 p.m.

ATP Finals: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30 p.m. onwards.

PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m. onwards.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Victorious: The triumphant Mallya Aditi basketball squad. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

St. Joseph's, Bishop Cotton and Mallya Aditi teams triumph

St. Joseph's BHS defeated Bishop Cotton 33-31 in the ICSE boys' final of the 36th inter-school alumni Clarence basketball tournament here.

The results (finals): Boys: ICSE: St. Joseph's BHS bt Bishop Cotton 33-31; **ISC:** Bishop Cotton bt Mallya Aditi 27-18.

Girls: Mallya Aditi bt Cluny Convent 28-23.

Anvay's century highlights Vijaya CC's big win

Anvay Dravid (123) powered Vijaya CC past Herons CC in the KSCA under-14 inter-club tournament here.

The scores: Vijaya CC 322 in 50 overs (Ayush Acharya 34, Dhruv Krishnan 85, Anvay Dravid 123, Jeeju Sreenivas 4/51) bt Herons CC 177 in 40 overs (Akshay Rangan 41, Ananshuman Samal 39, Deekshith Gowda 32, Dhruv Krishnan 3/41, Prayag Bijesh 4/16).

Friends Union (1) 196 in 49.1 overs (A.A. Rohith 60, K. Adhrit 33) bt Dooravani Cricketers (1) 190 in 48 overs (Gagan Sai 95, Sourish Bhattacharya 28, Araav Kar 4/16).

Jawahar (1) 300/4 in 50 overs (Abhinav Jha 122, Krishna Pahuja 92) bt Jaidur Cricketers 111 in 37 overs (G.M. Praneel 40 n.o., Purav Shikar 3/33, Preetham Raj 3/29).

Bangalore SC 300/3 in 50 overs (Yogesh Chavan 104, G.K. Saivarun 113 n.o., Kaustbh Gupta 62 n.o.) bt Jupiter CA 120 in 36.5 overs (Bilal Muhammad 26, Aarush Sinha 48, Samarth Srivatsan 4/23).

Jawahar (2) 309/6 in 50 overs (Tej Jaganath 45, M. Sevanth 28, Hruday Gowda 43, Shamanth 59, Likhith Acharya 3/55) bt Hanumanthnagar Cricketers 71 in 27.2 overs.

Coles CC 160 in 41.4 overs (T.N.V. Siddharth 69, Aashrit Ram 4/28, Prithvi Karajgi 5/16) bt Hammonds CC 114 in 34.3 overs (M.P. Ayush 59).

Bharath CC 60 in 36 overs bt Engrades CC 43 in 31.2 overs (Pranith Sai 4/17, Ishaan Rao 3/11).

Bangalore Occasionals 223/6 in 50 overs (C. Barath 58, Rohith 32, Ayaan Sharmod 50, Suvik Gill 31 n.o., Laksh Achar 3/41) bt Jawans CC 97 in 34.4 overs (Rohan Vyas 47, Ayaan Sharmod 4/8).

Karthik in last four

B.C. Karthik defeated Adil Sherazi in the quarterfinals of the State-ranking men's snooker tournament here.

Quarterfinal results: Yogesh Kumar bt C. Kushal 79-40, 70-14, 22-69, 52-16, 51-38; B.C. Karthik bt Adil Sherazi 41-84, 65-34, 60-52, 93-11, 39-45, 29-61, 72-47; I.H. Manudev bt Mahesh Aditya 60-20, 66-32, 53-61, 83-15, 51-56, 67-46; Sean Davis bt M.L. Lakshman 39-62, 19-73, 61-29, 52-42, 31-86, 68-39, 79-40.

Rebels FC steamroller FC Agniputra

Rebels FC blanked FC Agniputra 5-0 in the BDFA Super Division football league here on Friday.

The results: Rebels FC 5 (Dawanchwa Carlos 6, 71, Sanjib Singh 7, 73, Ernest Addo 36) bt FC Agniputra 0; Kickstart FC 5 (Abhishek Shanker 4, Jijo Joseph 17, Princewill 39, A. Arun 90, Akshay Kumar 90) bt Roots FC 0; Thanco's Students Union 2 (Hemanth Kumar 26, Lindsay Henderson 31) bt Bengaluru FC 1 (F. Lalremtluang 55); Young Challengers FC 3 (Murali Joseph 58, Deepak 68, 70) bt Friends United 1 (Magesh Selva 30).

Southern Alpha gets past Decathlon Hockey

Southern Alpha SA took out Decathlon Hockey 4-2 in the KSHA 'C' Division hockey league championship here.

The result: Southern Alpha SA 4 (Govindraj 2, 47, Suresh 38, 37) bt Decathlon Hockey 2 (Nitin 8, Roshan 11).

SATURDAY'S HAZARE TROPHY SCHEDULE

Group A (Delhi): Hyderabad vs. Manipur; Himachal Pradesh vs. Saurashtra; Chandigarh vs. Uttar Pradesh; Gujarat vs. Tripura.

Group B (Kolkata): Rajasthan vs. Vidarbha; Assam vs. Karnataka; Jharkhand vs. Meghalaya; Delhi vs. Sikkim.

Group C (Bengaluru): Andhra vs. Kerala; Haryana vs. Tamil Nadu; Bihar vs. Chhattisgarh; Arunachal Pradesh vs. Goa.

Group D (Mumbai): Nagaland vs. Uttarakhand; Madhya Pradesh vs. Punjab; Jammu & Kashmir vs. Odisha.

Group E (Ranchi): Maharashtra vs. Services; Bengal vs. Railways; Mizoram vs. Mumbai.

Gokulam and NEROCA post narrow victories

I-LEAGUE

Press Trust of India
AIZAWL

Defending champion Gokulam Kerala continued its winning run in the I-League as it host beat Aizawl FC 1-0 in a second round match at the Rajiv Gandhi stadium here on Friday.

Substitute Thahir Zaman scored the winner in the 87th minute. The win helped Gokulam stay at the top of the table with six points from two matches.

In another match played in Imphal, NEROCA FC picked up their its win by defeating Sudeva Delhi FC 1-0. Jourdain Fletcher's long-range shot in the 62nd minute proved to be the difference.

The results:
Aizawl FC 0 lost to Gokulam Kerala 1 (Zaman 87).
NEROCA FC 1 (Fletcher 62) bt Sudeva Delhi 0.

Crack shots: Rhythm and Vijayveer acknowledge their success. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Rhythm-Vijayveer combine on target

ASIAN AIRGUN

Sports Bureau

Rhythm Sangwan and Vijayveer Sidhu won the mixed air pistol gold, by outclassing Irina Yunusmetova and Valeriy Rakhimzhan of Kazakhstan 17-3, in the 15th Asian Airgun championship which concluded in Daegu, Korea, on Friday.

With Manu Bhaker and Samrat Rana winning the junior mixed air pistol gold, with an identical win over Nigina Saidkulova and Mukhammad Kamalov of Uzbekistan, India's domination of the competition was complete.

Rich haul

India won 25 of the 28 gold medals, losing only the women's air pistol team, youth women's air pistol and men's air rifle gold medals to host Korea.

Arjun eases past Mamedyarov

CHESS

Sports Bureau

After three losses, Arjun Erigaisi opened his account with twin wins over Shakhriyar Mamedyarov for a 3-1 victory but R. Praggnanandhaa paid decisively for his one-move blunder against Wesley So in the fourth round of the $210,000 Meltwater Champions Chess Tour Finals on Thursday. Arjun won the even-numbered games with white pieces and drew with black. Praggnanandhaa's error on the 32nd move of the third game led to the only decisive game of the four-game match.

The standings (after four rounds): 1. Magnus Carlsen (Nor, 12 match points), 2. Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Pol, 9), 3. Liem Le Quang (Vie, 7), 4. Wesley So (USA, 6), 5-6. Anish Giri (Ned, 4), R. Praggnanandhaa (4), 7-8. Arjun Erigaisi (3) and Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Aze, 3).